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U.S. may pardon aliens

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (R) — An amnesty for people who had entered the United States illegally but had been in the country for more than five years has been proposed by the U.S. Senate, now discussing a bill that would limit immigration to 425,000 a year.

The legislation also proposes fines for employers who hire illegal aliens in a bid to control immigration. The Senate began work on the bill Thursday by voting to grant the amnesty to illegal aliens who have lived in the United States since January 2, 1977, rather than 1978 as originally proposed in the bill. It was not immediately clear how many people would benefit.

The Senate rejected one member's effort to eliminate the amnesty entirely and also turned down an amendment by Sen. Edward Kennedy that would exempt spouses, children and parents of U.S. citizens from the 425,000 annual limit. The legislation does not affect the admittance of refugees who are dealt with under separate rules.

Sen. Kennedy said that without the exception, the limit "will jeopardize our country's historic commitment to family union as the principal goal of our immigration policy." But Sen. Simpson said the exception would defeat the bill's purpose of controlling immigration.

The 425,000 annual limit would allow 350,000 relatives of U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents and 75,000 other people to come to the United States each year. People with exceptional ability in the sciences, arts, professions or business would get first priority under the 75,000 limit.

King phones leaders

TAIF, Aug. 13 (SPA) — King Fahd Thursday night had a telephone conversation with Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad on developments in Lebanon. It was announced here.

"He had a similar conversation with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and later in the evening spoke with American President Ronald Reagan on Lebanon and Israel's barbaric attacks which ran against human conscience and contradicted the simplest norms of human rights," the announcement said.

"The attacks were launched despite the approval given by the Palestinian people, led by their legitimate representative, the PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, of all facilities to avert a calamity in Lebanon as a result of the Israeli brutal attacks," it added.

Habib to visit Israel Talks resumed as truce holds

BEIRUT, Aug. 13 (Agencies) — American and Lebanese officials resumed talks Friday on the evacuation of Palestinian commandos from West Beirut. And there was speculation that U.S. envoy Philip C. Habib would travel to Israel soon to try to resolve differences.

A new ceasefire held, meanwhile, and motorcycle-borne commandos blared orders through loudspeakers for all fighters who left their positions to report to their superiors within 48 hours or face court martial.

On Thursday, Lebanese Premier Shafiq Wazzan said he was suspending the talks to protest Israel's savage air attacks, which Palestinian sources said left at least 300 dead and 617 wounded before an outraged U.S. President Ronald Reagan arranged a truce.

Habib refused to talk to reporters after meeting with President Elias Sarkis and Wazzan. Wazzan told reporters that he had conveyed to Habib the response of Lebanon and

the Palestine Liberation Organization to Israel's latest conditions. Wazzan did not spell out the responses but said: "Habib now has the sufficient elements that enable him to conclude the negotiations and begin the implementation process. This is, of course, if Israel has the genuine intention to let the Palestinian fighters go within the framework of a political solution. The majority of the people rightfully doubt Israel's real intentions after the massive escalation of hostilities that we witnessed Thursday."

PLO spokesman Jamil Hilal said Israel now wants the Lebanese Army to deploy in West Beirut at the early stage of the evacuation, rather than an advance contingent from the U.S., French and Italian force. Hilal said another condition was the release of an Israeli pilot captured by the PLO when his plane was shot down in the early days of the invasion that began June 6, and the bodies of other Israeli soldiers.

Several days ago, the PLO listed 7,100 commandos for evacuation, but Saeb Salam, a main go-between for Habib and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, said Israel now wants 13,000 commandos evacuated and demanded their names. Salam said Israel also wanted evacuation day to be called E-Day, rather than D-Day for departure because this would suggest a victory for the PLO akin to the allied Disembarkation Day in Normandy, France in World War II.

There was no immediate comment from Israel, where military sources have said as many as 9,000 commandos could be in West Beirut along with 3,500 to 4,000 Syrians. This could help account for the new 13,000

figure.

The Israelis also have objected to an advance contingent of French troops entering West Beirut on grounds the French government is hostile to Israel. The new ceasefire held through the night, but the Tel Aviv command claimed PLO commandos fired light arms in the area of Aamiq in Eastern Lebanon. It said the Israelis returned the fire without taking any casualties.

The Israeli army continued to maintain its three-week-old blockade of electricity, fuel and food supplies to West Beirut's half million residents despite the Security Council call Thursday for an immediate lifting of all restrictions on the needs of civilians.

Christian militiamen cooperating with the Israeli invasion force were seen by Western correspondents searching cars trying to enter West Beirut and throwing away any food, bread or bottled water they found before allowing the car to pass.

West Beirut's newspapers, meanwhile, voiced outrage over Thursday's 11-hour aerial bombardment and bad harsh words for the Israeli premier. "Begin puts Hitler to shame," said an editorial.

A PLO communique said Israeli planes dropped 44,000 bombs on the PLO's enclave and on Lebanese residential neighborhoods of West Beirut Thursday.

Kingdom's plea to U.S.

TAIF, Aug. 13 (SPA) — The Kingdom has expressed its extreme concern about the implementation of the U.N. Security Council resolution issued Thursday which calls on Israel to implement U.N. resolutions relating to the cessation of all military activities to Lebanon.

A statement issued by the Royal Court appealed to the Security Council to exert more efforts in this regard and to put an end to Israel's continued violation of human and moral principles and its repeated aggressions on Lebanon.

The U.N. council Thursday called unanimously for an immediate end to all military activities in Lebanon and repeated its request for the deployment of U.N. observers in and around Beirut to monitor the situation.

The council's resolution, jointly sponsored by six nonaligned members and revised at the request of the United States, demanded the immediate lifting of all restrictions in Beirut to permit the free entry of supplies. The council demanded Israel's cooperation in the effort to secure the effective deployment of U.N. observers, as requested by the government of Lebanon. "in such a manner as to ensure their safety."

Israel has twice rejected the council's earlier proposal for the deployment of U.N. military officers in Beirut, but a small number is already in West Beirut, on orders from Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The secretary-general was asked to report as soon as possible on the implementation of the new resolution, the ninth adopted by the world body since Israel invaded Lebanon June 6.



TELEPHONES BEGIN: U.S. President Ronald Reagan is telephoning Israeli Premier Menachem Begin Thursday on receipt of news that the Israelis had launched a massive attack on Beirut, leveling hundreds and destroying residential areas with U.S.-supplied planes and bombs. A ceasefire immediately went into effect. Secretary of State George Shultz is looking on.

Poll exposes Israelis

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (AP) — A majority of Americans disapprove of Israel's military actions in Lebanon, according to the latest Associated Press-NBC news poll.

The nationwide telephone poll, of 1,594 adults in a scientific random sampling, posed this question: Do you approve or disapprove of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon? Fifty-one percent said they disapprove, 25 percent approved and 24 percent were either not sure or said they had not heard or read about the recent fighting.

The poll was conducted Monday and Tuesday, during a lull in the fighting while details were being worked out for a tentative agreement under which Israel would allow the evacuation of Palestine commandos in West Beirut.

Those who knew about the fighting — 92 percent of the sample — were asked: Do you think that Israel's recent military actions in Beirut have gone too far, or have they not gone far enough? Fifty-nine percent responded that Israel had gone too far, 18 percent thought not far enough, seven percent said about right and 16 percent were not sure.

Respondents familiar with the recent fighting were about evenly divided in approval and disapproval of President Reagan administration's handling of the problems in the Middle East. In the last several weeks, the administration criticism of Israel has increased while Philip C. Habib, Reagan's special envoy tried to work out a plan to evacuate the PLO and end the fighting.

U.S. bid to suppress scandal

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (R) — The Reagan administration is trying to suppress evidence in a forthcoming book that a British intelligence agency helped the United States to spy on American dissidents, including actress Jane Fonda, in the early 1970s.

Justice Department documents, obtained by author James Bamford of Boston under the Freedom of Information Act, said that a British electronic eavesdropping agency, the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), helped the Americans in a domestic spying program known as Operation Minaret.

The documents, obtained by Reuters from a private source, show the GCHQ intercepted and gave the U.S. government telex communications from American citizens who had been placed on a "watch list" by the ultra-secret U.S. National Security Agency (NSA).

Bamford acquired the documents during research for the first book written about NSA GCHQ's U.S. counterpart, called *Puzzle Palace: A Report on America's Most Secret*

Agency. But the Justice Department is now attempting to get the documents back and has threatened to take legal action if they are included in the book, to be published by Houghton Mifflin.

The department says the documents are highly sensitive and were improperly declassified when it gave them to Bamford in 1979, according to correspondence made available. Bamford says his book will reveal that targets of the 1969-1973 Operation Minaret, in which GCHQ cooperated, included Jane Fonda, political activist, Tom Hayden, who is now her husband, and prominent U.S. black leaders whom he did not name. Miss Fonda and Hayden were leading figures in the U.S. anti-Vietnam war movement.

In one of several letters to Bamford demanding he return the documents, Gerald Schroeder, a senior attorney with the justice department's office of intelligence policy, raised the possibility of seeking a "post-publication judicial remedy." Schroeder declined to comment to Reuters on what sort of legal action might be taken.

Recalcitrant Italian Socialists relent

ROME, Aug. 13 (AP) — Premier-designate Giovanni Spadolini resumed talks Friday on forming a new government amid signs that the recalcitrant Socialists were willing to negotiate.

Spadolini, seeking to reform his five-party coalition into Italy's 42nd post-war government, met with heads of most major parties except the Socialists. He ended the consultations, which are expected to resume Tuesday, without comment.

At the same time, the Socialists, who brought down Spadolini and who hold the key to any government, appeared to back down from party leader Bettino Craxi's rejection Thursday of joining a new government with the Christian Democrats, Spadolini's Republicans, Social Democrats and Liberals.

"The Socialists have not said no to reforming the coalition," said Claudio Martelli, Socialist assistant secretary. "It (negotiation) has resumed on the right foot." He said Craxi had merely rejected the idea of forming a coalition without changing the factors that

brought down Spadolini's last government, which include Socialist opposition to secret ballots in parliament.

The Socialists pulled out of Spadolini's coalition because they lost a parliamentary vote on an oil tax reform bill.

India offers peace pact

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 13 (R) — India has formally offered Pakistan a treaty of peace, friendship and cooperation after two days of bilateral talks here between senior government officials of the two countries.

The Indian offer, which would include a non-aggression pact already proposed by Pakistan, was the only new element to emerge from the talks which ended Thursday. Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Niaz Naik described the proposed treaty, similar to one India has with the Soviet Union, as an "elaborate proposal that will require study." A senior official, however, said further discussions on improving relations were unlikely before the end of the year.

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Nazer reports to King Fahd

Kingdom's development is beginning to pay off

JEDDAH, Aug. 13 — The Saudi Arabian government has followed a well-balanced strategy to achieve simultaneous development in all sectors, according to Planning Minister Hisham Nazer in the preamble of a report submitted to King Fahd on the First and Second Five-Year Development Plans. *Okaz* reported.

Education was particularly boosted with special emphasis on girls' education, the minister said. And, under the Second Development Plan, the state gave loans for housing, agriculture, industry, electricity and other areas totaling more than SR83 billion. It also gave over SR3 billion of pensions and subsidies to more than 700 citizens during the same period.

The minister said the Kingdom is now moving into the phase of diversifying its production base and introducing a real change in the country's economic foundations through the Third Development Plan.

In special reference to the gigantic industrial cities built in the desert — Jubail and Yanbu — under the supervision of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, Nazer said that the project will create 144,000 jobs by the year 2000. It will also make it possible to recuperate \$1 billion that used to be wasted. This energy will henceforth be used to manufacture steel, aluminum and fertilizers to feed 17 basic industries, some 136 secondary

Registration for girl's college to begin soon

JEDDAH, Aug. 13 (SPA) — The first intermediate college for girls will be opened in Jeddah by the next academic year and registration of applicants is expected to begin Sept. 3. The college will grant admission to graduates of secondary schools of both science and art divisions, in addition to graduates of teachers' training institutes.

The college will offer studies in Sharia sciences, Arabic language, sciences, mathematics, domestic economy and arts. After two-year courses, students will graduate as specialists to teach in primary schools, according to Abdul Rahman Al-Osman, girls' education director in Jeddah.

plants and about 100 support industries. Jubail is expected to attract 375,000 inhabitants and Yanbu 150,000. The industrial city of Jubail is now ready for the establishment of the basic, support and secondary industries. Likewise, three permanent residential quarters, from a total of eight, have been completed.

Energy installations have also been built. The commission has a generation capacity of 68 megawatts, while the United Saudi Electricity Company has 260 megawatts. The airport has a four kilometer runway. The commission's desalting plant produces 19,000 cubic meters a day, besides the 414,000 cubic meters produced by the plant of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation. There are 240 kilometers of pipe. There are 6,254 housing units (camps) and 939 others at Al-Howaylat district. Hospitals have a total 100 beds and there are small clinics and five first aid centers. A water treatment plant has a capacity of 7,600 cubic meters a day and 140.5 kilometers of sewage pipe. The asphalted road network totals 126.3 kilometers.

The city of Yanbu, still under construction, already has an energy generation capacity of over 240 megawatts. The length of the electricity network is 153 kilometers. The airport has a 3,210 meter runway. The city's water desalination plant is geared to produce 50,216 cubic meters a day to be conveyed by a 228 kilometer pipe network. Some 1,564 housing units are planned for families, while the commission foresees 24,373 units for its staff. Resthouses will have 23,883 beds and there will be 1,020 apartments. There will be 68 hospital beds and four dispensaries. The capacity of the water treatment plant is 7,400 cubic meters and the sewage pipe network covers 186.3 kilometers.

According to the report, the General Organization for Grain Silos and Flour Mills has exceeded its planned storage capacity, under the Second Development Plan, by 90 percent for grain, 91 percent for flour, and 30 percent for animal fodder. The increase in flour storage has gone above 102.6 percent of what was expected. A buffer stock can cover the Kingdom's requirements for ten months. Moreover, a SR246.6 million surplus was achieved in 1980 from the sale of flour and animal feed.



Hisham Nazer

150 youth enjoy camp activities

TAIF, Aug. 13 (SPA) — The 10th Arab camp began its activities here last Wednesday with 150 youth from Tunisia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the Kingdom taking part.

The two-week camp aims at acquainting youth to Arab countries, sow the spirit of cooperation among them, benefit from their activities which include beautification works and tree-planting and exchange ideas and talents.

Taif Mayor Dr. Hassan Hajra said the youth will plant 3,000 trees in cooperation with Taif Municipality. Additional manpower, saplings, water, protective cages and fertilizers will be provided by the municipality, he added.

Unemployment results in flood

Unskilled laborers cause wages reductions

JEDDAH, Aug. 13 — Expatriate workers from countries where unemployment is high and whose governments are desperate for hard-currency remittances, are turning Saudi Arabia into a very competitive arena where a continually downward pressure is exerted on wages.

Unskilled workers, according to *Saudi Business*, are still very much needed within the Kingdom, despite considerable progress in training skilled local workers, and despite the subsidence of major infrastructural projects which began in the 1970s. The magazine suggests that foreign workers will be needed for some time to come.

Recent trends in the Kingdom's labor market reveal a considerable extent of corruption in the labor importing business, centering on private recruiting agencies in foreign countries which account for the largest share of foreign recruits.

Some embassy officials complain that new — and cheaper — recruits are not performing at the productivity levels of earlier immigrants.

Korea is the only country which uses a computerized labor and monitoring process which provides it with labor statistics. The absence of statistics area a major handicap to the Kingdom's efforts to evolve a manpower

strategy.

At the same time, there has been a decline in the availability of state-run recruiting agencies that guarantee protection to emigrant workers and improved service to Saudi Arabian employers.

"The public sector cannot have the initiative or techniques employed by private agencies to lure employers," Saeed Ahmed Khan, labor attaché of the Indian Embassy in Jeddah told *Saudi Business*. He said that the Indian government's share in recruitment is hardly one percent.

Efforts made by countries supplying labor to Saudi Arabia to stabilize the quality of their workers have failed. Although most of these countries have now fixed minimum

wages of outgoing workers, unscrupulous recruiting agencies still bypass such limits with fictitious contracts. Their laborers, who are often under-employed or unemployed, cannot resist the temptation of an average 300 percent rise in income.

Wages have been on the decline ever since countries like the Philippines, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka entered the trade. Currency values and unemployment rates in the Asian countries generally determine the wages acceptable to their workers.

Saudi Business goes to analyze the labor market in key countries where expatriate labor come from: Pakistan, India, Korea, Thailand, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

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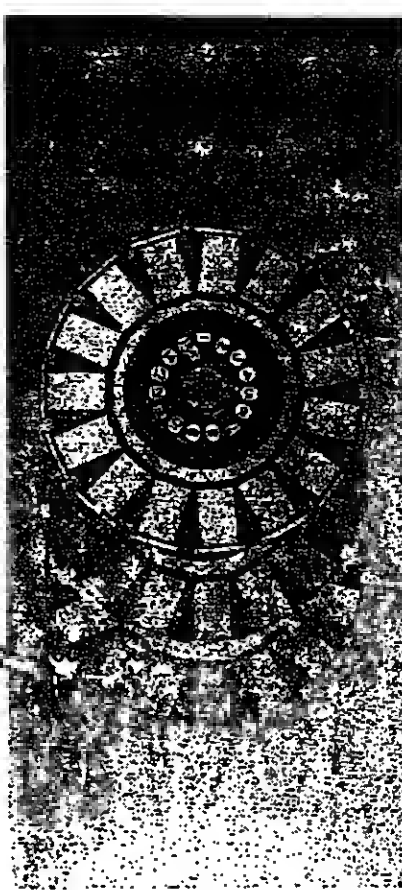
ABU DHABI, (SPA) — Arab Central Bank governors and heads of financial establishments will hold their seventh meeting here on Wednesday. The two-day gathering will discuss a number of financial questions. Participants will include representatives from the Arab League, the Arab Monetary Fund, the Arab Banks Association, the Arab Economic and Social Fund in addition to Arab Central Bank governors.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Royal approval has been given for the Kingdom to host the Arab Gulf amateur handball championship. The championship, which lasts 10 days beginning Aug. 20 will be held in Riyadh. The Saudi Arabian Handball Association has urged all organizations and individuals concerned to contribute to the success of the championships.

RIYADH, (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian

Youth Centers Association will participate in the 34th Conference of the International Association of Youth Centers, due to open in Amsterdam on Sunday. The international association, which will celebrate its golden jubilee during the conference, is expected to endorse the Saudi Arabian association's full membership. There are 17 youth centers spread throughout various parts of Saudi Arabia.

TAIF, (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani will inaugurate here on Sunday a seminar on the "security role of the information media in the Arab world." The four-day seminar is organized by the Riyadh-based Arab Center for Security Studies and Training. Security and information leaders in the Arab world will participate in the deliberations which will concentrate on the role and future of the Arab information media.



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Biased policies cited

American politicians debate U.S. errors in Middle East

RIYADH, Aug. 13 (SPA) — Four prominent American politicians have condemned Israel's "criminal practices" in Lebanon and called on the United States to restrain Israel and initiate direct contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Speaking at a debate organized by *Al-Riyadh* former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Donald McHenry, Republican Congressman Paul McCloskey, former Senator James Abu Rezk and the president of the American Association of Arab Americans Robert Joseph noted that the aim of the Israeli invasion was to "annex the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and part of Lebanese territory."

They stressed that the American policy had lost its "influence on Israel."

McHenry said the U.S. should convince

Israel that peace could not be achieved through force and that the best solution for the Middle East issue was a political one.

He noted that Israel "cannot annihilate the Palestinian nationality."

McHenry said the U.S. had ended its neutral stand because of its "biased policy in support of Israel and has been unable to play the role it should in the region."

He added that U.S. failure to initiate direct talks with the PLO was considered as part of its "inability to reach a final settlement for the Middle East conflict."

The former ambassador called on the U.S. to impose a ban on American weapons sales to Israel because of the "Israeli killings of innocent people and destruction in Lebanon."

He said Israel was fully confident of American support for whatever it did and this amounted to "a U.S. policy error."

McHenry urged the U.S. administration to "handle the crux of the Middle East issue instead of tackling the by-products of this problem."

McHenry strongly opposed the idea of sending U.S. or foreign troops into Lebanon and noted that the Palestinian issue was the major factor for instability in the region.

McCloskey condemned the Israeli aggression on the Lebanese and Palestinian people. He expressed hope that the U.S. administration would cut off its military assistance to Israel "if it does not keep its hands off Beirut."

The Republican congressman noted that he had informed U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz that the time was now proper for the American administration to recognize the PLO because in the "absence of a state for the Palestinians they are bound to fight forever and die to achieve their goal."

"As such the Israeli victory will turn in the long run into a defeat," he said.

Abu Rezk described the Israeli invasion of Lebanon as an "annihilation operation and a vicious crime against the Palestinian people."

He accused the U.S. administration of being "flexible" with Israel and stressed that it was afraid to antagonize Israel and was concerned more about Israeli than U.S. interests.

The senator deplored the U.S. decision not to recognize the PLO and expressed displeasure with the U.S. administration's failure to take "firm action to prevent Israel from carrying out its massacres in Lebanon."

German exports show 64.5 % rise in six months

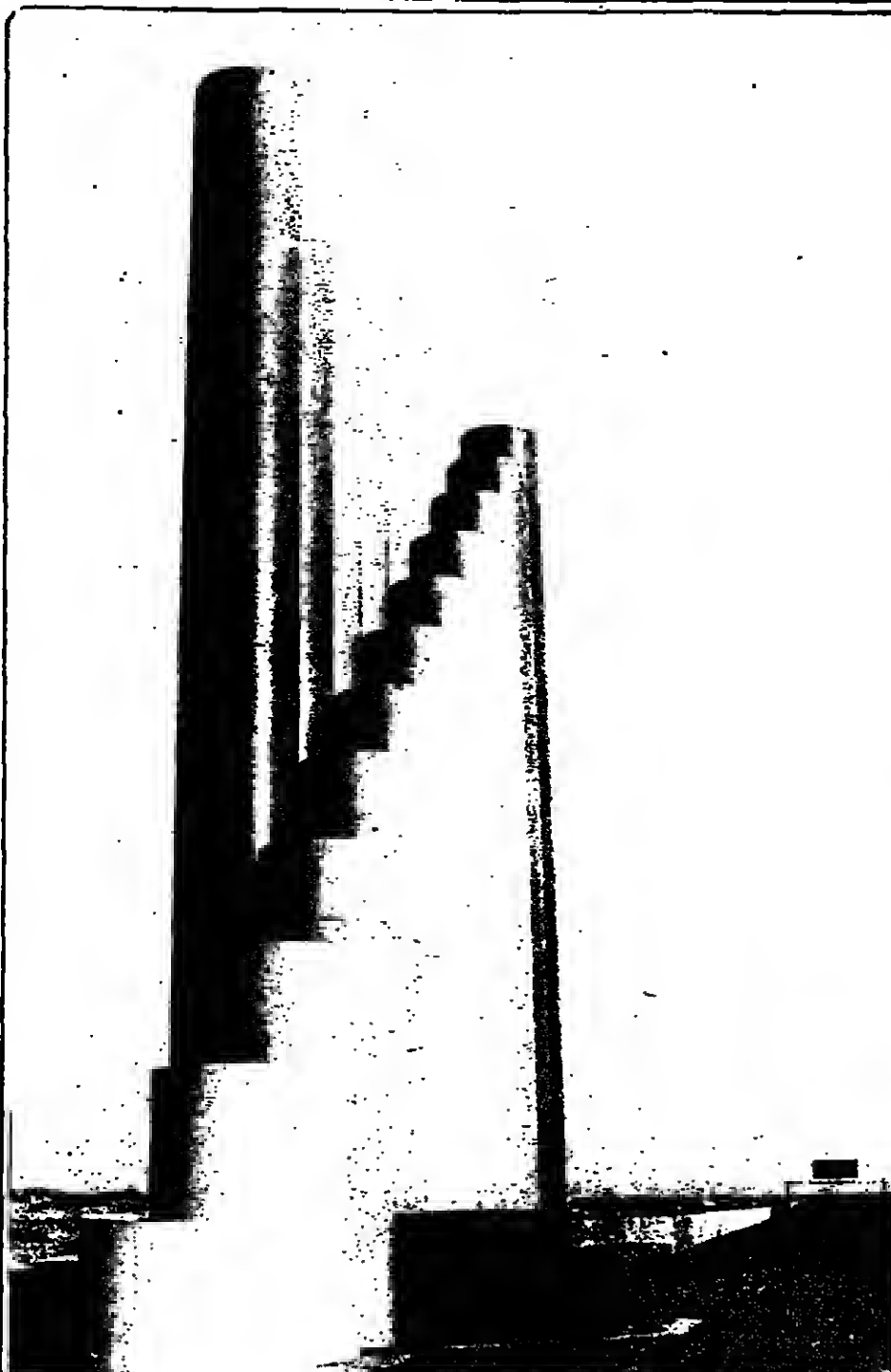
BONN, Aug. 13 (SPA) — West German's exports to Saudi Arabia during the first six months of this year showed a remarkable increase of 64.5 percent to 4,300 million marks (about \$1.7 million), making the Kingdom a major customer in the Middle East, a spokesman for the Economic Ministry has said.

He said that West German exports to 21 Arab countries including Saudi Arabia, between January and June rose by 38.5 percent to 17,300 million marks (about \$6.9 million).

The spokesman added that West German exports to the Arab region included motor vehicles, machines, electro-technical goods, ironwares and chemical products, while oil was the chief import.

Welfare given SR2.7m

MADINAH, Aug. 13 (SPA) — The Madinah Welfare Society announced Thursday that it had received SR2.7 million in donations. The donations list included SR500,000 from Rafiq Bahaudin Al-Hariri, SR216,133 from an anonymous donor and SR100,000 each from Dr. Nasser Al-Rashed, General Automotive Agencies, Hamad Noman Dahman and Abdul Aziz ibn Saleh.



SYMMETRICAL MONUMENT : From any side, this monument, the latest added to Jeddah's growing list of sculptures, will always look perfectly balanced. The Corniche Road now has many such monuments which are either completed or in their final stages. This one, of course, due to its size and shape, stands out from the beach and the highway and provides a pleasing effect as motorists are approaching.

SR2.8b allocated

Baha road projects underway

JEDDAH, Aug. 13 — About SR2.8 billion worth of road projects are being carried out by the Communications Ministry in the Baha Region, according to *Ohez*.

Baha Road Department Director Abdul Hadi Al-Mansouri was quoted as saying that the projects include the SR1.2 billion second and third phase of the Baha to Beni Saad to Taif Road. The first phase of the 267-kilometer road, the Taif to Beni Saad section, has been completed with a total length of 87 kilometers, Mansouri said.

Also under construction is the 46-kilometer Baha Pass road which goes through rocky mountains. The project will cost SR507 million. The region is so rough that the 46-km pass will require 64 bridges with a total length of 5,774 meters and 34 tunnels with a combined length of 211 meters, according to Mansouri. Work began recently on the 17-kilometer Al-Mousa to Baha dual-carriage

road. It is expected to be completed within two years.

Mansouri pointed out other relatively smaller projects executed by the ministry in the Baha region. These include the Maatouq to Biljirshi 25-kilometer road, the Fob bridge, pedestrian flyovers in Baha town which have a total length of 800 meters and the Anbar Pass which cost SR20 million and links Sarraf to Tihama.

Ministry helped Qatif farmers

QATIF, Aug. 13 (SPA) — The local branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water treated 658 donoms of agricultural land and planted 2,240 trees here last June and July. Hassan Al-Khammash, the acting local director, said that 153 visits were undertaken and 12 seminars were held by the Farming Guidance section during the same period.

Farmers were given guidance on how to raise trees, check the wind and optimize the utilization of canals. There are 12 pilot farms in the area, the official said. During that time also, the veterinary section treated 18,950 animals and immunized 525,000 birds. The area's 85 poultry farms produced 12 million eggs and 650,000 chickens.

Ank municipality has improvements

ANK, Aug. 13 (SPA) — Projects being implemented here include the fencing of cemeteries and the construction of mortuary cleaning houses in Ank, Jash and Milha for the sum of SR3,966,000, the mayor, Mahar Al-Mahashir, said Wednesday.

The projects also include asphalt, sidewalk construction and lighting of one of Ank's main streets that will cost SR12 million. The municipality recently completed a SR46,200,000 land expropriation project. It also spent SR5,909,944, backfilling swamps in various locations. The second phase of a project calling for covering sewage facilities was also carried out at the cost of SR8,175,000. The municipality also built three new water closets at the cost of SR397,753 in Ank.

Meanwhile, a SR12 million backfilling project in the limited income area was recently commissioned and the implementation will start soon, the mayor said.

Ahsa plans give markets priority

AHSA, Aug. 13 (SPA) — Omran Municipality is now carrying out several vital projects in some villages of the Ahsa region which come under its jurisdiction.

Omran Mayor Nouri Al-Shaaban said that these projects include construction of three vegetable, meat and fish markets in Kalabia, Halaila and Migdam at a total cost of SR1.03 million. The municipality also replaced the old water pump at Houta tanks with a larger one to provide more water to some districts. The replacement of the pump cost SR150,000.

Shaaban added that the municipality will soon carry out a project for drilling two artesian wells in Rumaila and Maslakh villages.

Also in the Ahsa region, the Jafr village complex is carrying out several public service projects worth about SR11.5 million.

Scholars meet today

TAIF, Aug. 13 (SPA) — The Board of Grand Ulama (scholars) will hold its 20th session here Saturday. The meeting, to be held at the Presidency of the departments of scholarly research, religious guidance and call to Islam, will be held under Sheikh Abdul Razzaq Affi, chairman of the permanent scholarly research and religious ruling committee.

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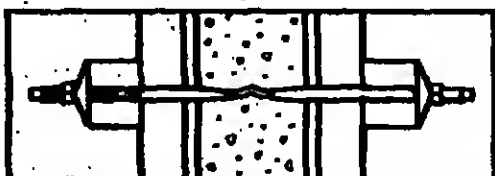
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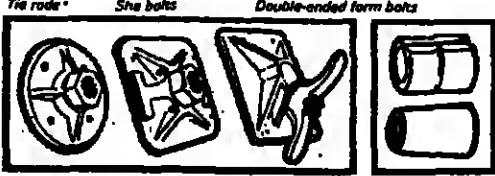
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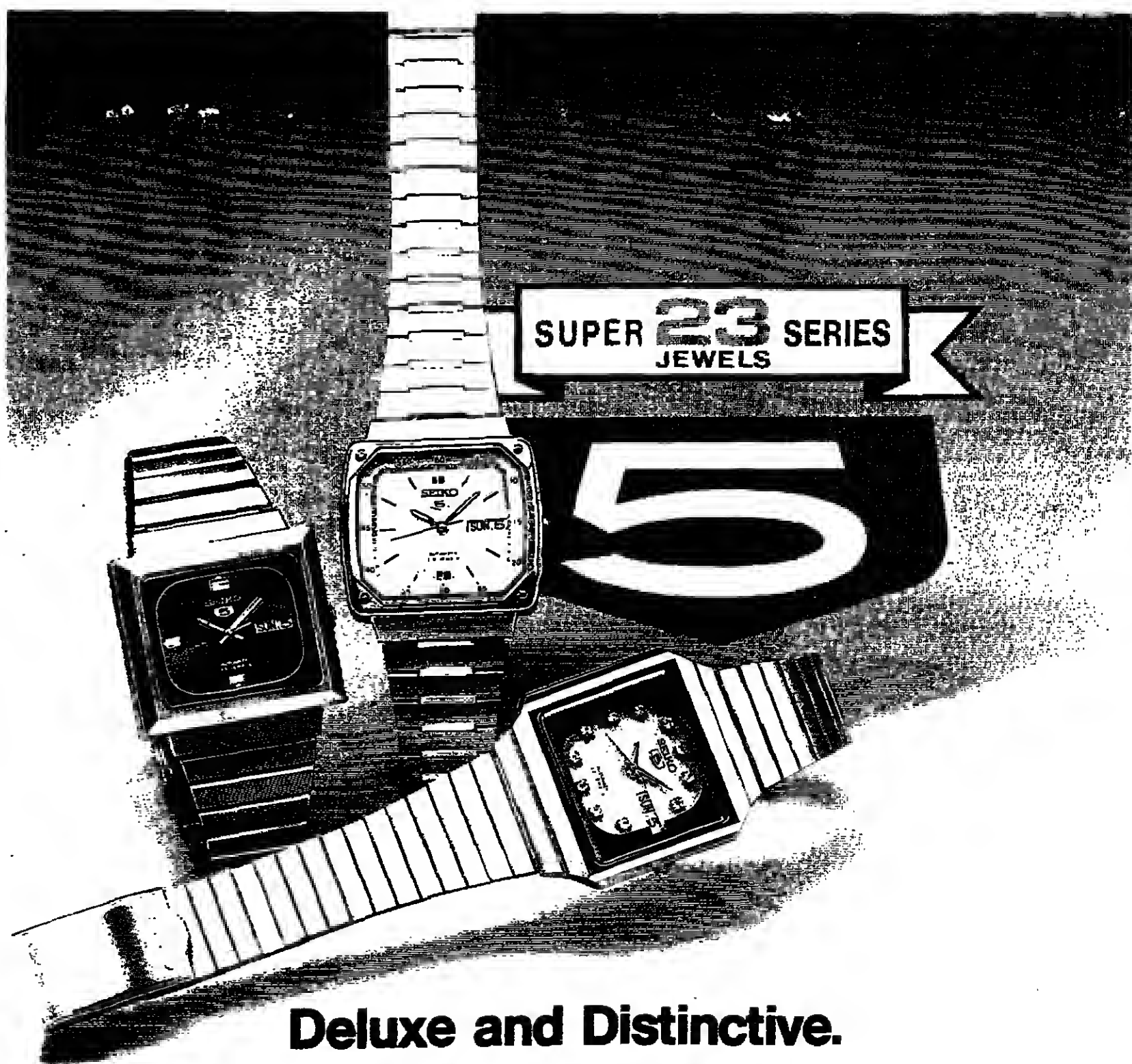
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Ceausescu urges mutual PLO-Israel recognition

BUCHAREST, Aug. 13 (AP) — Romanian President and Communist Party Chief Nicolae Ceausescu has called for a "mutual recognition" between Israel and the Palestinians. Addressing a public rally in the industrial town of Pitesti Thursday, Ceausescu said in the Middle East "there is room for both a Palestinian state and the state of Israel."

"It is time for a mutual recognition between the Palestinians and Israel," Ceausescu said without elaboration. His speech was published in the party newspaper Friday.

Romanian officials said it is the first time that Ceausescu, who has sought to play a mediating role in the conflict for some years, has made such a statement. But the officials

refused comment on whether this signaled a change in Romania's behind-the-scenes diplomacy or was a "readjustment" following recent developments in Lebanon where PLO forces are about to leave.

"We express our wish that...after the (PLO) withdrawal from Beirut and the pull-out of Israeli troops, a political settlement of the problem be pursued," Ceausescu said.

Meanwhile, Ceausescu's top adviser on Middle East problems, Vasile Pungan has met in Tel Aviv with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin to hand him a message from Ceausescu. Pungan last month had talks with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and met with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Beirut,

To confront Israel

Arafat appeals for Arab unity

DAMASCUS, Aug. 13 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat has appealed to Syrian President Hafez Assad to urge the Arabs to unite against Israel's invasion on Lebanon, the English-language newspaper Syria Times reported Thursday.

The government-controlled newspaper printed text of a message from Arafat to Assad, expressing "satisfaction and appreciation" over the Syrian leader's decision to host the Palestinian commands encircled by the Israeli invaders in West Beirut.

Arafat deplored what he described as the "U.S.-backed Israeli aggression" on Lebanon, asking Assad to intercede with the Arab leaders to muster a united front against

Israel, the paper said.

"This (Israeli) aggression was against Palestine and (the Syrian Heights of) Golan in the past, and today it is directed against Lebanon," Arafat complained to Assad. "Unless all Arab forces were united, the future of the Arab nation will remain subject to such violations and aggression."

Arafat said the "steadfast" Palestinian have been facing "thousands of shells and bombs from land and sea, day and night" by the Israelis in Beirut.

"I appeal to you, Mr. President, to exert efforts with you (Arab leaders) brothers to unite against this siege (of Beirut)," said Arafat. "We need to unite all Arab forces and potentials to confront the Israeli enemy."

Israel jeopardizes peace plan -- envoy

BEIRUT, Aug. 13 (AP) — The French ambassador, a key figure in negotiations for peace in Lebanon, said Thursday that intensified Israeli military activity has jeopardized a U.S.-sponsored plan to evacuate Palestinian commands from West Beirut.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Ambassador Paul Marc Henry said the departure of the Palestine Liberation

Organization is supposed to take place in a neutral situation, but "the Israelis not only have not withdrawn but have advanced."

Henry, who is taking part in the negotiations on the peace proposals of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, spoke as Israeli jets pounded Palestinian positions in West Beirut in the heaviest Israeli bombardment since the June 6 invasion.

PLO will survive blitz, Hurd declares

LONDON, Aug. 13 (SPA) — British Minister of State at the Foreign Office Douglas Hurd has said that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was not going to be destroyed as a result of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and stressed that the Palestinian problem would persist "until it is solved."

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Hurd said, "The Palestinians are going to move to Syria and other Arab countries and I think the historian will find it very odd that so many people should have been killed for that purpose."

"The Palestinian cause, the idea that 'the Palestinians deserve a homeland, is not going to be destroyed because a number of Palestinians are killed in Lebanon. The problem is going to persist until it is solved," he said.

When asked if Britain has been able to exert any influence on the American government, Hurd said, "Britain has supported what Habib is doing."

"We have pointed out to the Americans this matter is not going to be settled simply in West Beirut and that the Americans need to look again at their whole Middle East policy and in particular the way in which we can solve the Palestinian problem," he added.

Dutch plea to lift West Beirut siege

THE HAGUE, Aug. 13 (Agencies) — The Dutch government appealed to Israel Friday to lift its blockade of West Beirut in conformity with the U.N. Security Council resolution adopted Thursday night.

In a statement issued by the foreign ministry, the government also urged to appeal to Israel and other parties in the conflict to refrain from further military activities. It said the Dutch government was deeply concerned about the recent heavy bombardment of West Beirut by Israeli forces.

"The government is deeply shocked at the suffering this has caused the Lebanese and Palestinian civil population in the besieged part of the city, suffering which is augmented by the weeks that West Beirut has been blocked," the statement said.

Meanwhile in Geneva, the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) Friday launched an appeal for a \$60 million aid program for reconstruction in war-torn Lebanon, spread over two years.

UNICEF, which has already received \$9 million following an emergency appeal for a 90-day aid project, will contribute \$32 million of the total, with Lebanon providing the rest through contributions from Arab countries.

Nott to make M.E. tour
LONDON, Aug. 13 (SPA) — British Defense Secretary John Nott is to make a tour of Middle East countries during September, informed sources said here Thursday. He is expected to visit Egypt and some Gulf countries including Saudi Arabia. Diplomatic arrangements for the visit are now being made, the sources added.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (R) — Police dispersed about 500 people protesting here Friday against what they described as "Israeli massacres in Lebanon." About five persons, including the demonstration's organizer, were arrested after clashes with the police.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Indian External Affairs Minister P.V.N. Rao called Friday for an urgent and comprehensive settlement in Lebanon with evacuation of the Palestinians from Beirut through agreement among the PLO, Lebanon and the Arab states involved.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Fifteen persons drowned in the Nile near here after their small boat was hit by a barge carrying 500 tons of cement, reports said Friday.

Ethiopia hits Somali targets

NAIROBI, Aug. 13 (AP) — Somalia charged Friday that Ethiopia and all "allied" troops again attacked its front lines, reportedly 35 kms inside Somali territory. A defense ministry statement, telexed to Nairobi by the official Somali news agency, Sonna, said that assaults began Thursday morning and were continuing although the Ethiopians had suffered heavy losses in men and material.

It said the Balam Bale and Galdogob lines were the targets of the Ethiopian advance. No further details were given.

Ethiopia has denied any role in the Horn of

Africa fighting, claiming that Somali rebels were behind the border incidents which began in late June.

The latest Somali report "did not identify the 'allied' forces taking part in the alleged Ethiopian push."

However, Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre said in a recent interview that his regime knew that 23,000 Cubans and two brigades of the South Yemen Army back up Ethiopian forces while 5,000 Soviet and several thousand East German security advisers were behind the front lines.

Karmal admits impact of resistance

NEW DELHI, Aug. 13 (AFP) — Afghan President Babrak Karmal has admitted that Muslim freedom fighters opposed to his Soviet-backed regime were resorting to "assassination of people, paralyzing the country's economy and disrupting the transport system" in Afghanistan.

In a speech broadcast on Kabul radio and monitored here, Karmal emphasized the need for unity and discipline in the Afghan Army and in the faction-ridden ruling Communist Party. Only discipline and mutual trust would enable the army to "crush the foreign-supported enemies of revolution," he said.

This was the first time in recent months that the Afghan president publicly admitted the existence of rebel activities in that country where an estimated 80,000 freedom fighters are confronting the Soviet and Afghan armies, analysts said.

Karmal was addressing a meeting of the commanders of the Afghan armed forces summoned to receive "guidance on unity and discipline," the radio said. The meeting followed reports on lack of discipline in the army believed to result from faction fighting in the Peoples' Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), the analysts said.

U.S. asserts support for Jordan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (SPA) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz has reasserted American support for Jordan's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence.

In a message sent to Jordan's King Hussein Thursday on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his accession to the throne, Shultz said, "It is my pleasure to extend best wishes to you and to the people of Jordan. The length of success of your reign ranks as one of the great achievements of modern statesmanship."

"Seven presidents and ten secretaries of state have benefited from the wisdom, of your counsel and the strength of your support for our shared objectives," he added.

Shultz said, "However, these are still very difficult times for the cause of peace. We will rest until we have achieved a just and comprehensive peace in your troubled area."

"It is also appropriate to note again that the government and people of the U.S. support the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Jordan, as well as Jordan's unique and enduring character," Shultz added.

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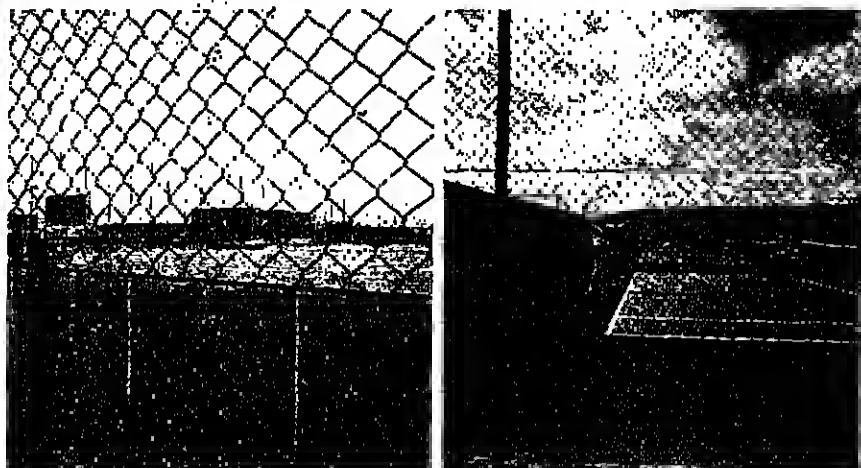
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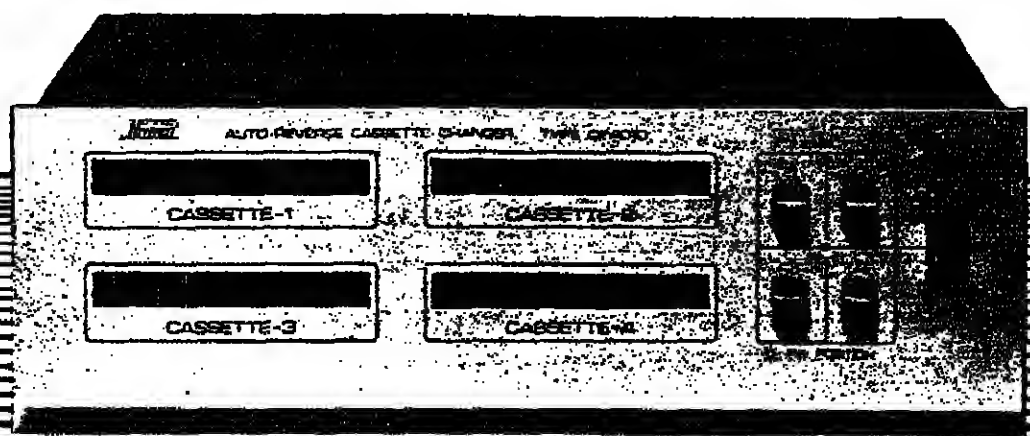


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Argentina protests U.K. naval actions

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Aug. 13 (AP) — The Argentine Foreign Ministry protested the recent interception by the British Navy of three Argentine fishing vessels in waters around the disputed Falkland Islands.

The Foreign Ministry communique said Thursday the British actions, on the 5th, 7th and 10th of August, were "a reiteration of (British) aggression" and said Britain "would be responsible for any incident that might occur in the future."

Britain, which defeated Argentina, June 14th after a 74-day war for the archipelago, has asked this nation to keep military ships and airplanes more than 240 kilometers from the islands. It has also asked Argentina to get permission from Britain before sending

Latin Americans plan U.N. debate

CARACAS, Venezuela, Aug. 13 (AP) — Argentina, with the support of other Latin American nations, is planning to take the issue of sovereignty over the Falkland Islands to the United Nations, Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Aguirre Lanari announced here.

The plan to raise the matter at the next General Assembly meeting of the world body originated as a Mexican initiative and would "have the backing of all Latin American foreign ministers," said Aguirre at the start of an official two-day visit to Venezuela.

Referring to relations between Argentina and the United States, who backed Britain during the undeclared war for the islands, Aguirre said, "the facts speak for themselves. They are at a very low point."

The main thrust of the Mexican initiative, said a key aide to the foreign minister, "is that sovereignty (of the Falklands) belongs to Argentina." Chile, which has its own dispute with Argentina over the island in the Beagle Canal, was also a supporter of the Mexican plan, said the aide.

Aguirre, 61, who was his country's ambassador to Venezuela from 1979 until July 1 when he replaced Nicanor Costa Mendez after Argentina's defeat in the South Atlantic, was warmly greeted at Simon Bolivar International Airport in Caracas by his Venezuelan counterpart Jose Alberto Zambrano.

"I have come to thank Venezuela with the deepest gratitude" for the help it offered Argentina during the Falklands conflict, Aguirre told Zambrano. Aguirre said he would meet with President Luis Herrera Campins to discuss bilateral affairs and the general situation in Latin America since the end of the Falkland War.

"I will work with the greatest intensity for the triumph of Argentina. All of Latin America will show solidarity with the plan that we are going to make," he said.

Zambrano told reporters that within the next few days he was scheduled to meet with Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda in the city of Cancun.

fishing or commercial vessels into the zone.

The Argentine Navy said Wednesday three Argentine fishing vessels had been intercepted by Royal Navy ships in Falklands waters during the past week. One Argentine ship was escorted out of the zone, one was allowed to continue on its course and one paid no attention to British directives but was not bothered further by the British, the navy said.

The Foreign Ministry directed Argentine representatives in the United Nations and the Organization of American States "to issue the most energetic condemnation" of the British actions.

The communique called for negotiation of the Falklands issue within the framework of the United Nations. It said "a just and effective peace" would only be reached when Britain lifted the exclusion zone and economic sanctions against Argentina and withdrew its "occupation forces" from the islands. Britain maintains a force of some 2,500 men and various warships in the archipelago.

Meanwhile the British Defense Ministry confirmed a report in the London Times that British transport planes flying supplies to the Falkland Islands had had a Brazilian base or bases.

The ministry said the Royal Air Force Hercules used Brazilian facilities Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. But a ministry spokesman denied it was anything more than a temporary arrangement. He said no continuing agreement had been reached with Brazil although there might be more flights.

The British Foreign Office and the Brazilian Foreign Ministry both denied the part of the Times report published Thursday that said "the use of the Brazilian base or bases stemmed from weeks of diplomatic talks between the two governments."

A British Foreign Office spokesman described that part of the Times report as "completely untrue" and said the planes involved carried only routine, non-military goods.

Censorship affects Nicaragua newspaper

MANAGUA, Aug. 13 (AP) — The Nicaraguan opposition newspaper *La Prensa* did not publish Thursday for the third time in four days because of government censorship.

Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, the paper's co-director, said the newspaper decided not to publish rather than print a government communique about an incident involving a Roman Catholic priest. Publication of any other information about the incident Wednesday was prohibited, Chamorro said.

He said the government communique was an insult to the priest, Bismarck Carballo. "The mass media office wanted to impose on us the publication of this communique and we decided it was better not to publish the paper," Chamorro said.

The communique said only that publication of any information about the incident was prohibited "for respect to public morals."

Peking, Paris to boycott test ban talks

GENEVA, Aug. 13 (AP) — Communist China and France said at the U.N. Disarmament Committee Thursday that they will not participate in discussions aimed at a nuclear weapons test ban.

The announcements by the two nuclear powers prompted immediate statements of regret and disappointment from Japan, the Soviet Union and various nonaligned countries, with Nigeria speaking of a situation of "nuclear apartheid." The announcements followed a recent U.S. decision, which also drew sharp nonaligned criticism, to defer negotiations on an actual ban because it said the time for such deliberations was "not propitious."

China's chief delegate Tian Jin told the 40-nation committee that the United States and Soviet Union had a "special responsibility" in the field of nuclear disarmament, and made plain that they had to take the lead in halting their tests.

He recalled China's proposal at the recent special U.N. General Assembly calling for an end to the testing, and a reduction of nuclear arsenals.

Striking a similar line, the French delegate cited an earlier statement saying that any possible French commitment on nuclear testing would be dependent on a reduction of the arsenals held by the two major nuclear powers. He also referred to "discrepancy" between U.S. and Soviet nuclear armament and that of France.

Both announcements came after Sweden's Curt Lodgaard was elected chairman of the group whose work is to concentrate on methods to verify an ultimate ban and prevent cheating.

Japanese delegate Yoshio Okawa voiced "disappointment and regret" at the Chinese and French statements and Soviet chief delegate Viktor Issaevyan said they created "an unprecedented situation."

India, Brazil, Cuba, and Indonesia also expressed disappointment. Mexico's Alfonso Garcia Obles said he hoped the situation would "not be used as a pretext to slow down negotiations in the working group." "If the negotiations are successful, it will be difficult for the two powers to find themselves isolated," he said.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (R) — The Pentagon said Thursday that the new U.S. Pershing-2 missile failed its first test flight because of a leak in a rocket motor case. An army spokesman said the incident would not affect proposed deployment of the missile in Western Europe. The Pershing-2 failed the test flight on July 22 at Cape Canaveral in Florida when it malfunctioned after launching and had to be destroyed. The Pentagon has not yet released the date for the missile's next test flight.

BELGRADE (AFP) — Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader and vice president of the Cambodian anti-Vietnamese coalition, has joined Prince Norodom Sihanouk here for talks with the Yugoslav leadership. Tanjug news agency reported. Prince Sihanouk, who is the coalition's president, and Samphan, have arrived at Ohrid, Macedonia, where they were the dinner guests Thursday of the current head of Yugoslavia's collective presidency, Petar Stambolic, Tanjug specified.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — for space shuttle *Columbia*'s first operational flight are "running right on schedule" for a Nov. 11 launch, but work on the second shuttle, *Challenger*, is "going a little slow," a NASA official said Thursday. *Challenger*, being worked on simultaneously in a bay next to *Columbia*, is due for its first flight in January. But Jim Harrington, head of orbiter operations, said work on it was hampered by delays in getting its main engines and other parts from the manufacturer.

BANGKOK (AFP) — Lt. Gen. Prayoon Panomrue, 85, one of the leaders of the 1932 coup that gave Thailand its first constitution, died here Thursday after being knocked down by a bus. The son of a German woman doctor and a Thai diplomat, Lt. Gen. Prayoon served in several administrations as minister without portfolio, education minister and deputy finance minister, before retiring in the late 1950s.

JAKARTA (AFP) — Five parcels of export-quality pearls worth 2,000 million rupiahs (\$3.2 million) were Friday reported stolen from a warehouse of the Japanese Pearl Development Company in Dobo, eastern Indonesia. A large group of local civilian, police and military officials were alleged to have been involved in the theft, which came to light when Chinese merchants offered to sell the district chief a number of pearls. The parcels contained more than 1,000 genuine pearls.

Amid protest boats

Trident sails into port

PORT LUDLOW, Washington, Aug. 13 (AP) — The United States' first Trident submarine sailed into its home port in Washington Thursday with Coast Guard boats spraying fire hoses to open a path through a rag-tag flotilla of protest boats. At least 14 persons were arrested.

Six persons aboard the 38-foot (11.5 meter) *Trimmer Lizard of Woe*, one of the two flagships for a flotilla of rowboats carrying 43 anti-nuclear protesters, either were washed overboard or jumped to avoid the blasts of water from the high-pressure hoses, but there were no injuries.

A 16-foot motorized rubber craft boat named *Plowshares* broke through the escort boats to "buzz" the *USS Ohio*, but was swamped by a helicopter. Among the six protesters aboard *Plowshares* was Ruth Nelson, 78, a former U.S. mother of the year, said peace blockade spokeswoman Norma McLeod.

Greeted by a crowd of dignitaries and a navy band, *The Ohio* docked at its home port on Hood Canal shortly after 10 a.m.

The coast guard arrested 14 persons, mainly in "pre-emptive arrests," said Coast Guard spokesman Doug Bandos. Eleven persons were arrested from *The Lizard*, one from the second flagship, the 54-foot sailboat *Pacific Peacemaker*, one from the *Plowshares*, and one inside the Hood Canal security zone.

Stockholm bans smoking in trains

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 13 (AFP) — Scandinavia's massive anti-smoking campaign was extended this week to Stockholm's underground railway, one of the few public places left here where smoking was not forbidden.

Scandinavian restaurants have special tables reserved for smokers and hotels maintain rooms for non-smokers. Newspapers here and in Helsinki have also banned smoking in their editorial offices, although employees are allowed to light up in distant corridors.

Recently the Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) company started internal "no smoking" flights, an insurance company offered bonuses to clients who gave up tobacco, and a pharmaceutical firm started selling a type of nicotine chewing gum to help people who gave up smoking.

The crusade is delighting the tens of thousands of members of the non-smokers' association "Visir" — an acronym for the Swedish for "we who do not smoke" — supported by the Swedish Cancer Society.

Scandinavia's anti-smoking campaign was launched in 1963, and ten years later came up with a program aimed at cutting down cigarette smoking by the year 2000.

The success of the campaign is believed to derive from its soft-sell policy of not insisting too much on the health hazards of smoking, and over the past three years this aspect of tobacco has hardly been mentioned in the publicity. Instead, the stress is laid on the fact

Bandos said.

Plowshares circled *The Ohio*, coming within perhaps 100 feet of the 560-foot submarine before a large Coast Guard helicopter, stirring up 150 mph winds with its rotor, created a backwash that swamped the boat. Bandos said, *The Lizard*, owned by Ted Phillips of Quadra Island, British Columbia, was seized, which Bandos said means "it's ours." "They will never get it back," he said.

He said a 41-foot Coast Guard boat turned its 500-gallon-per-minute fire hoses on *The Lizard* after it "attempted to ram" the vessel.

The Peacemaker, which came from Australia to protest the presence of Trident weapons systems in the Pacific, released a pod of 10 rowboats filled with protesters moments before it was intercepted by Coast Guard boats. There were also reports the Coast Guard was detaining other vessels in the area, including vessels carrying reporters.

Bandos said anyone who tried to impede *The Ohio* or was considered a hazard under the Waterways Safety Act would be arrested. Violation of that act is a felony, he said, punishable by a \$50,000 fine and five years in prison.

The protesters had been prepared to risk arrest to dramatize their non-violent opposition to *The Ohio*, which they view as a prime symbol of the nuclear arms race.

Freed Maoist rearrested for new trial

PEKING, Aug. 13 (R) — A Maoist deputy mayor in northeast China who was recently freed from jail has been rearrested to face a fresh trial for crimes he is accused of committing in the late 1960s. *The People's Daily* said Friday.

It said Jin Dechun, 49, rose to power through bloody factional fighting in Mao Tse-tung's Cultural Revolution to become deputy head of the ruling revolutionary committee in the industrial city of Jinzhong, an important road and rail junction in Liaoning province. He was arrested and purged from his posts in 1978, but the paper said he was treated too leniently at his first trial in late 1981.

Diplomats said there had been several cases of legal action against Maoist extremists in recent months, but pointed out that those involved were all fairly low-ranking. Since the jailing of the Gang of Four leftist leaders last year, including Mao's widow Jiang Qing, other prominent extremists have so far escaped public retribution in the interests of political stability.

The People's Daily said Jin did not even serve the five-year sentence passed as he was released in April this year. It said he was guilty of "beating, smashing and looting" on a large scale and instigated bloody incidents in 1967 and 1969 in which at least 21 persons were killed and 77 injured.

It also accused him of stealing weapons from an army arsenal and of raping 12 women, one of whom was the wife of a soldier. The paper said he had continued to misbehave while in prison and criticized his unrepentant attitude in the courtroom.

Alligator found in sewer


VALHALLA, New York, Aug. 13 (AP) — After years of debunking stories of alligators living in the New York city sewer systems, municipal officials were astounded to find a small alligator in the Kensico reservoir.

"I couldn't believe it," said Andrew McCarthy of the Department of Environmental Protection. "I thought, 'it has to be a joke.'" Officials began hunting last week when residents near the reservoir, which serves New York city, began calling to say they had seen an alligator.

On Monday, two department employees spotted the alligator on a rock hut "she jumped in the water and swam away," before they could get to her.

Later that night, accompanied by a reptile expert at the Bronx Zoo and Myrna Watanabe, a Long Island University professor who has captured alligators in China among other places, they succeeded in bagging her.

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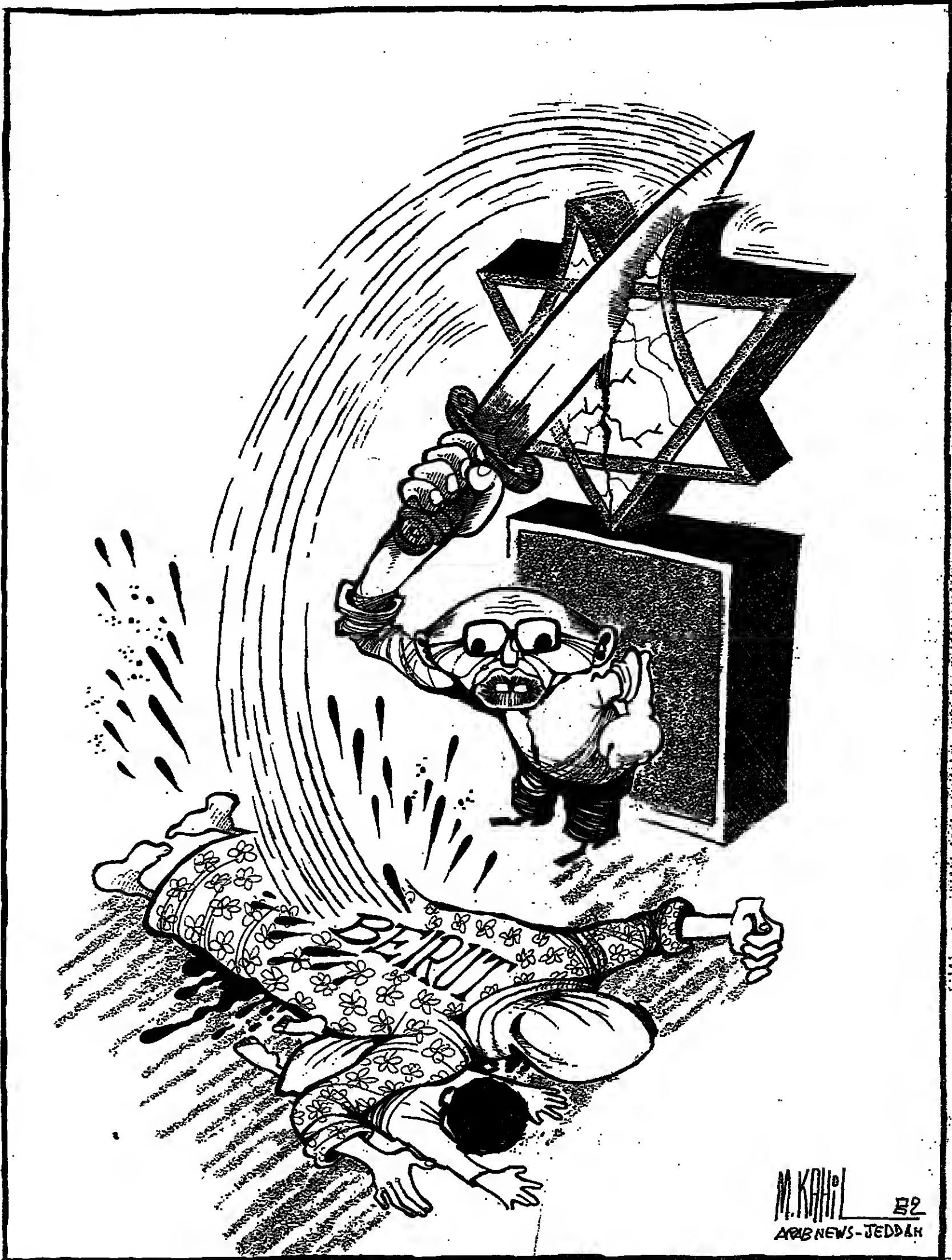
MOSCOW —

Diplomats saw this comment reproduced in several Soviet newspapers, as Moscow's first shift toward expressing support for the U.S.-forced evacuation plan. Soviet media had suggested openly at the start of Habib's mission that he was in league with Israeli forces.

Diplomats see plenty to disquieten the Kremlin in all this. Any arrangement involving the United States and the Palestinians would bring these two sides that much closer and irritate Moscow which has set much stake on the PLO, they said. (R)

By David Lewis

— That *military* inferiority leaves the West open



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The Zionists are notorious for their atrocious crimes and acts of aggression. They do not respect international law and agreements so much so that

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Soldiers usually win the battles, and generals get the credit for them — Napoleon Bonaparte, French emperor-general (1769-1821)

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A nuclear apostate

George Weil recalls atom days

By Paul Hendrickson

WASHINGTON, (WP) — The drizzle stopped, the wind grew calm. A man's voice said "Zero." One hundred and twenty miles away, in Albuquerque, a blind girl looked up and said, "what was that?" She had felt an odd brightness in the room. It was 5:29 a.m., Monday, July 16, 1945, and in the primeval desert of Alamogordo, they had just exploded the world's first atomic bomb.

An assistant to Robert Oppenheimer, George Weil, was standing at the base camp that morning. There were pieces of dark glass over his eyes. He looked away when the blast went off. Perhaps some unseen sliver of doubt had already lodged in the 37-year-old nuclear physicist. If so, he didn't say anything, not then.

What had really changed? When it was light you could see some dead rattlers, black sand fused into glass, a moonlike crater. The world didn't seem so different. The sun still drilled its way to noon. Desert mountains slept on in their timeless oceans. Man, in his puny breast, still ran and carried fire and fretted about tomorrow. Only this time he had "ticked the dragon's tail."

Several weeks later, on Aug. 6, 1945, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Three days later a plutonium bomb fell on Nagasaki. Soon there was a party at Los Alamos to celebrate, if that is the word, the awful-beautiful thing science had wrought. The party, unlike the bombs, was a dud. Oppenheimer, director of the Los Alamos Lab, stopped by briefly. Outside he saw a colleague vomiting in the bushes. "The reaction has begun," he said.

George Weil is 74 now, one of America's last men of uranium. He is semi-retired, working on a book about his days with the atom. He sits at a lunch table in the Mayflower Hotel here. It is four decades from the moment at Stagg Field in Chicago in 1942 when a handful of scientists, led by Enrico Fermi, achieved the world's first controlled nuclear chain reaction. The man who pushed the button that long-ago day to detonate the nuclear age (in reality he pulled out a cadmium control rod from an unlikely looking pile) is talking just above a mesmeric whisper. He speaks in chains of softly exploding thought. He was there, at the creation, with Fermi and Oppenheimer and all the rest. Only, history wants to forget him. For

George Weil is a nuclear apostate, an infidel. "I find it very hard to believe we have reached the end of our scientific discoveries. I just feel we don't need nuclear now. Or, I should add, nuclear at its price. And the price is Three Mile Island, or worse. It is an unforgiving technology. You make a mistake and you've had it. That's been my position all along. If a nuclear war doesn't get us first, there may come a distant point when we've exhausted all our other resources and we'll have to rely greatly on some form of nuclear energy. But not now."

"And of course if we have a nuclear war, then nothing makes any difference, does it? We'll all be doomed, including the planet. I'm not saying another civilization couldn't start up again at some distant point. If human life were destroyed on the earth, a civilization might grow again."

"You know, the bomb is not that big," he is saying matter-of-factly, making a small oval with his hands. "About the size of a basketball, no, about the size of your head. It's plutonium metal. Plutonium is a very lethal thing. It emits alpha particles. I lost one of my best friends from plutonium radiation. He was working at Los Alamos on 'critical assembly,' using little blocks of plutonium to construct simulator bombs. The blocks probably weren't a foot in diameter. He got careless. He was using a screwdriver, trying to wedge something in, and the screwdriver slipped. He got a burst of radiation, and that was that. Another man was standing far enough away to lose his hair."

He picks up a knife, scratches it on the tablecloth. "I've been exposed to more than my legal limit of radiation — I don't think there's much doubt of that. But I don't worry about it. I had a job to do. We were in a race. Every day I was scared I was going to open *The New York Times* and read that the Germans had gotten there ahead of us."

As early as 1954, when the postwar atomic hope still seemed lush, when talk of reactors was everywhere, Weil was invited to give a speech at the Plaza Hotel in New York City before a meeting of the Atomic Industrial Forum. He was asked to talk about the hazards of power plants. He spoke that day of the reactor's "built-in capacity for self-destruction — in a fraction of a second."

Two years previously, George Weil had been the Atomic Energy Commission's assistant director in charge of reactor development.

After the speech, a man came up and said, "you oughtn't to have said all that." "I wasn't absolutely against nuclear, though of course that's how I am always perceived. I think there's a difference between not favoring something and wanting to see it done correctly."

George Weil was lucky enough to be at Columbia University as a young man when the century was new, in the incubating days of the Manhattan project. There he met Enrico Fermi. Fermi is long gone now — he died of stomach cancer in 1954 — but he remains Weil's intellectual and moral conscience. Weil went to Chicago with Fermi to join the metallurgical laboratory, a wartime code name for the highly secret bomb work. He went to Hanford, Wash., where they first began making this cancerous brave new thing called plutonium. He went to Los Alamos, high in New Mexico's Jemez Mountains, where they were building the bomb. Nobody from the outside knew what was going on behind those high fences. There was only one road in.

And he was at Alamogordo, in southern New Mexico, at that mystical place called "Trinity." An explosive that dwarfed all previous explosives man had ever devised went off in the achingly stillness of a summer morning. The thing went off in a billionth of a second. Its power was equivalent to 19,000 tons of TNT. Someone would say later that it lit up the desert darkness with the "radiance of a thousand suns."

"I think you have to know me. I don't get excited about things. I love beautiful places — the Pacific Northwest, for instance. I love this, I love that. But I don't get emotionally involved. It wasn't something beautiful, that bomb. It was something terrifying. I wasn't impressed by the idea that we could just demonstrate it. I felt we had to drop it."

But what is George Weil's place in history? Is he merely Enrico Fermi's technician, someone who was in the right place at the right moment? Some nuclear people would say that (despite Weil's degrees from Harvard and Columbia, and his years of responsible positions). The nuclear issue is a volatile and emotional one, and its personalities take stark sides. To some, George Weil's name is mud. He has gone over to the other side. His place in history is puny.



PACIFISTS: Some 800 delegates from 30 nations attended the 1982 World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs held in Tokyo recently. The conference was sponsored by pacifist and disarmament organizations.

Fight over missing link

By Paul Rabe

ATLANTA, (AP) — A leading anthropologist says fossils found in east Africa in the last decade are the closest thing to the missing link — a creature what was part ape, part human.

The term "missing link" might make most scientists cringe, but Donald Johanson said Wednesday that it aptly describes the creature's role in evolution.

Johanson is the discoverer of "Lucy," the partial skeleton of a 3 1/2-foot-tall creature that has a head similar to a chimpanzee's and a body similar to a human's. It has been of great interest to scientists for what it reveals of "the mysterious and murky beginnings" of the human race, Johanson said in a lecture before the International Primatological Society.

Since the discovery of Lucy and the remains of other creatures who lived at about the same time — between 3 million and 4 million years ago — scientists have argued bitterly over whether these animals were more like human beings or more like apes.

Adopting the title of a recent magazine article about the controversy, Johanson, the founder and director of the Institute for the Study of Human Origins in Berkeley, called it the "battle of the bones."

A bit of anger erupted after Johanson's lecture when he briefly described his examination of a recently discovered skull that he said had been beaten and cut. "It looks like it was scalped," Johanson said, neglecting to mention that others had previously examined the skull.

"How dare he say that nobody's examined that specimen before?" one scientist said angrily to his friends. Johanson later said he had simply forgotten to mention the other work. But the episode was typical of the emotions provoked by talk of human ancestors.

The fight over Lucy began in the 1970s, as soon as the bones were found. The remains of other large and small creatures were found by Johanson in Ethiopia and by Mary Leakey in Tanzania.

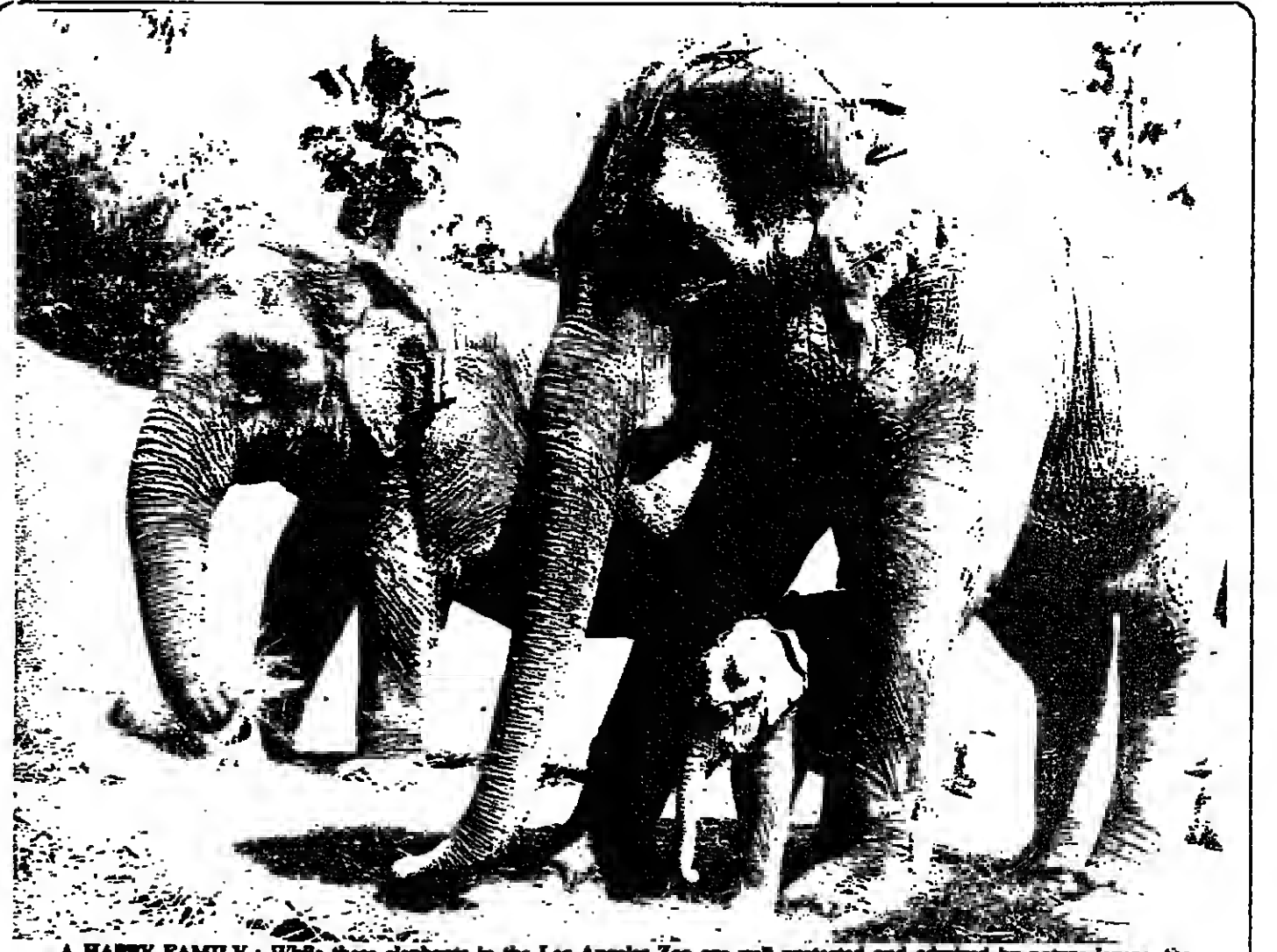
Mrs. Leakey concluded the fossils belonged to the genus homo, the category of animals which includes human beings — homo sapiens. Johanson decided they were from the genus Australopithecus, and that the large bones were from males and the smaller ones from females.

He named the creature Australopithecus Afarensis. He thinks it was an ancestor of both human beings and other types of Australopithecus. "What we have is a creature that from the neck up looks very primitive but from the neck down is very

different from an ape," Johanson said. Mrs. Leakey, as Johanson described it, believes man developed separately from Australopithecus.



BEHIND BARS: Check the Chimpanzee makes faces at his guests in Norfolk on his recent 18th birthday party



A HAPPY FAMILY: While these elephants in the Los Angeles Zoo are well protected and admired by nature lovers, the pachyderms in the African forests are massacred on "ecological grounds."

On 'ecological grounds'

Elephants sentenced to death

By Bernard Aubert

WINDHOEK (AFP) — Fifty elephants in the Etosha reserve in northern Namibia have been sentenced to death, and another 1,000 or so are under suspended sentence, as a result of the long-running guerrilla war in this South African-administered territory.

According to experts, there are too many of the animals — currently about 2,400 in the park, considered the most beautiful in southern Africa, or 1,000 pachyderms over the limit. And it is the war along the border with Angola and consequent troop movements and road building that have upset the predators' habits.

Once upon a time they only came to the park during the rainy season, otherwise moving about further north. But little by little they have become permanent fixtures. From being nomadic, Etosha's elephants

have, because of human activity in the region, become residential. And they are considered to be in surplus, although 200 of them died last year in an epidemic. Their being permanent residents in the park seriously threatens its ecological equilibrium and thus the elephants' own survival, according to the experts.

The order to kill — the official term is cull — at least so many pachyderms a year, given by Namibia's Council of Ministers on the recommendation of the experts, is reviewed annually, and it has not been ruled out that the figure of 50 will be raised.

It is hoped, however, that an independence settlement bringing peace next year to the one-time German colony will allow the elephants of Etosha to return to their former way of life, obviating further slaughter.

The scientifically organized regular massacre has meanwhile resumed, with the par-

ticipation of veterinary surgeons, forest rangers and experts from South Africa's Kruger National Park. The killings are shrouded in secrecy and journalists are kept well away from the scene.

The Windhoek press has strongly protested at its reporters and photographers being banned from recording the operation, viewing this as unacceptable censorship. The indignation is all the greater for the fact that, as the German-language *Algemeine Zeitung* pointed out, South African newspapers have been able to publish ghastly pictures of elephants massacred in Zimbabwe.

Those elephants condemned are chosen by experts flying over the area by helicopter. They normally select old or sick beasts. The pilot, experienced in such work, has to take care, for a general panic could break up elephant families.

The Elvis Presley myth crumbling

NEW YORK (AFP) — On Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1977, the news flashed around the world that — Elvis Presley is dead. He had lived just 42 years and become a myth.

But that myth has been slowly crumbling in the past five years. By the time of his death, Elvis Presley no longer thrilled mighty audiences who screamed every time he switched a hip and twanged a guitar string. He was physically coarser and had lost his former sleek look which set teenagers crazy in the fifties and sixties. But he was still an idol — like Rudolf Valentino James Dean, before him — whose every gesture was watched intently.

The treatment of his death was treated in the mass media in the United States was of

the kind reserved to great sons of the nation. The Tennessee state guard was called out to control the huge crowds that flooded into Memphis to attend his funeral, broadcast live by radio and television throughout the country.

But what is really left of the Presley legend five years later?

The image has been badly dented by revelations about his private life and the trial of his long-time friend — Dr. George Nichopoulos did not help things — evidence was given that Presley took enormous amounts of drugs to keep going.

So far as the "rock-and-roll" phenomenon was concerned, Presley was never an innovator, but the greatest salesman ever. The idol

image was built on three main bastions: The musician who appealed to his generation's tastes, his apparently rebellious attitude to authority, and his appearance as a decent white boy who took care of his old folks.

But Presley's strong point was always his music, and his records are still selling at the rate of thousands a day.

His Hollywood-style "Graceland Mansion" is today open to the public but has not attracted the crowds his widow expected, and his collection of expensive sports cars has been slowly sold off.

Five years later, the Presley myth has dimmed and is no longer what it once was — but then in the past five years the United States has also changed a great deal.

New wave music mocks German past

By Alison Smale

COLOGNE, West Germany (AP) — After years of listening to American and British pop heroes, German youth has found a music almost all its own. It's the new German wave — Teuton punk.

In the words of one popular song, they "dance the Mussolini" and "the Adolf Hitler," bobbing up and down like sleepwalkers to the records they buy by hundreds of thousands.

Following British punk rock enthusiasts, some even don old Nazi regalia — swastikas and old uniforms echoing the "no figure" slogans sprayed on walls from Berlin to Bremen and Bavaria, they mock Germany's past and West Germany's present.

Newly popular bands such as Deutsch Amerikanische Freundschaft (German-American friendship) and Das Wirtschaftswunder (the economic miracle) reveal this

mockery in their very names.

The lyrics, some observers say, reflect German youth's feelings about what they perceive as a wealthy but sterile society their parents and grandparents created after 1945.

"Da da da," for example, this summer's big hit, consists of those three words repeated for almost five minutes. At one point, the band, Trio, roars, *Ich liebe dich nicht, du liebst mich nicht*. (I don't love you, you don't love me). Composer Stefan Remmler says in interviews with music magazines that he draws inspiration from television and commercials. He says he dreamed this one up when thinking about modern relationships.

"I think it's very intelligent text," he said recently. Intelligent or not, it certainly sells. Trio sold 1.1 million copies of "Da da da" in West Germany, and an English version rose to No. 4 in the British charts. Whereas other British and American pop fashions spawned few imitators of any standing here, punk has

bands of varying quality sprouting all over West Germany.

The reason, according to one music manager, Wolfgang Kreh of Warner Bros., is quite simply that teen-agers understand the words better in German. Another reason advanced is that the guttural German language lends itself to the tough, strident style of punk and new wave music.

"English speech fits most music better," said Horst Mittmann at Ariola Records Cologne offices, German, he agreed, lends itself to punk.

Of course, the English-American influence has not entirely faded. Almost 40 years Hollywood films and American GIs have ensured English words a permanent place in the German language. Thus "Public Uli" is the guitarist and "Kai Hawii" the singer for the group Extrabreit.

But now that West German youth is rejecting American missiles and American politics, German music is beginning to regain some of the ground it lost to Californian rock, Detroit soul and black American jazz in the 1950s and 1960s.

Some bands like Cologne Stars Bap, who shared the bill with the rolling stones at the stones' Cologne concert in July, take the fad for German one stage further and sing in regional dialects. German wave has been so successful in setting new trends that some record companies and bands fear the music's strength will be its undoing. "There's an awful lot of rubbish being put out because everybody's terrified of missing a hit," said Ingo Stein of Phonogram. According to the West German magazine *Stern*, share of domestically produced records on sale has risen from about third to over 50 percent.

Annette, singer in the successful Berlin band Ideal, is so scornful of her hundreds of imitators that she recently told the music magazine *Pop Rocky* that "stupid wave would be a better name than German wave" for today's music.

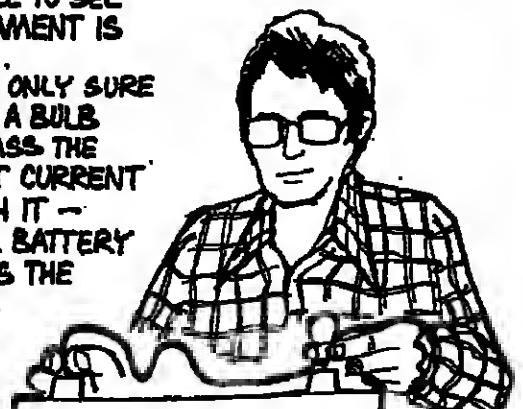
But it still pulls the crowds. ZDF, West Germany's second television channel, recently staged two evenings of rock music. At the first, a collection of all German bands drew 14,000 fans. U2 and new British and American favorites Status Quo and Joan Jett headed the second bill and attracted just 8,000 people.

SELF-SERVICING

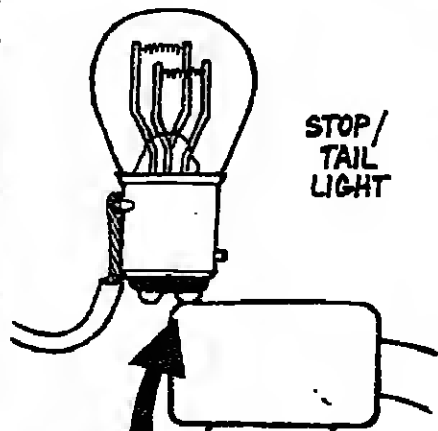
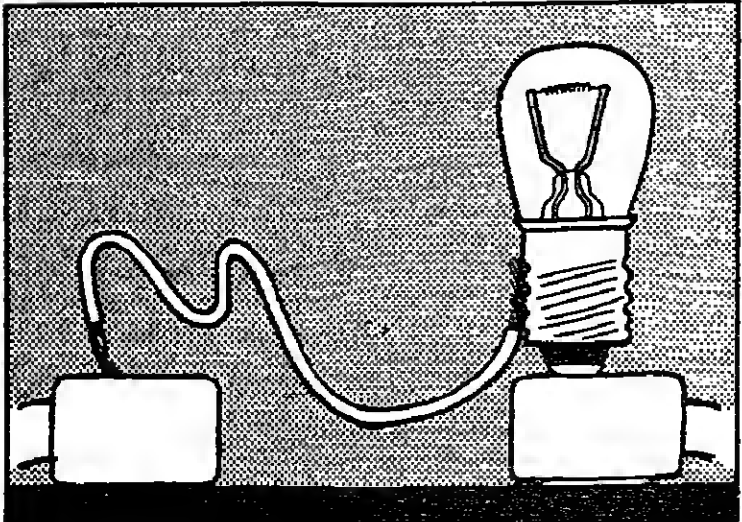
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Controversial U.S. document

Benzene risk study altered

By Howie Kurtz

WASHINGTON (WP) — An international health agency has withdrawn a controversial finding that legally acceptable amounts of benzene may cause cancer. The withdrawal came after a federal official and chemical industry representatives urged the group not to make such assessments.

Richard Adamson, director of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) division of cancer prevention, asked the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) to delay any attempt to evaluate the amount of suspected carcinogens that should be considered unsafe. Adamson acted after discussing the issue with officials from Exxon, Shell Oil and the Chemical Manufacturers Association.

The IARC recently published a scientific paper on benzene that deleted a key reference to a government study — approved by its own panel of scientists — in which 17 factory workers died after exposure to tiny amounts of benzene. The findings are important because these workers were said to be exposed to the current legal limit of 10 parts of benzene for every million parts of air.

Benzene, which is known to cause leukemia at high levels, is widely used in gasoline, paints, solvents and thousands of chemical products. An estimated 500,000 workers are exposed to small amounts of benzene, and a warning by the respected IARC could rekindle the debate over whether these levels are

safe. A recent attempt to make the benzene limit even stricter was struck down in court in 1980.

Rep. David R. Obey, who has been investigating the matter, said he believes that NCI officials pressured the IARC into erasing the benzene finding from its report without consulting the scientists who wrote it. A spokesman for NCI, which provides \$1.5 million a year to the IARC, strongly denied the allegation.

One of the scientists on the IARC panel, Dr. Phil Landrigan, said he was "surprised and chagrined to see that a critical portion of the benzene risk assessment had been altered."

Adamson told an IARC official in April that the group should not try to determine what levels of carcinogens are unsafe — a task known in scientific jargon as a quantitative risk assessment. Such an effort, Adamson wrote, "is fraught with scientific and societal difficulties" and "involves national policy decisions. ... I wish to make sure that no discredit comes to the NCI or IARC as a result."

In January, three months after IARC scientists drafted their report on benzene, Adamson met with the chemical industry and oil company officials. NCI acknowledged that they discussed criticisms of the benzene study and the IARC's move toward risk assessment.

An internal memo by the Chemical Manufacturers Association, which sharply criticized the benzene report, said: "Dr.

Adamson of NCI has instructed their representatives ... (to) recommend that IARC not engage in risk assessments. ... Dr. Adamson understands the regulatory impact of risk assessment by IARC."

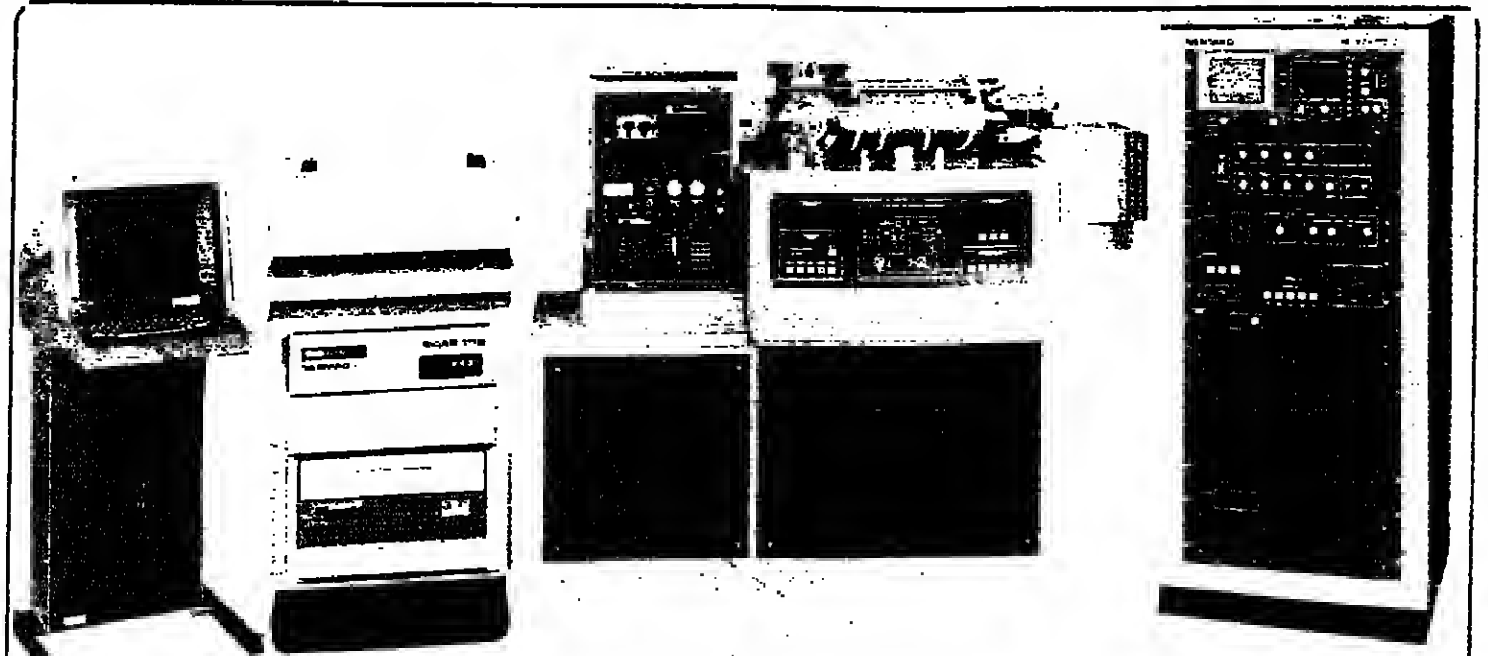
The IARC's draft report noted that 17 tire factory workers had died from leukemia after exposure to what a federal government study estimated was the legal limit of 10 parts per million of benzene. The final report deleted this reference, saying only that up to 170 workers in the study had died after exposure to a much higher benzene level of 100 parts per million.

"We did not try to influence the content of the benzene monograph," said NCI spokesman Paul van Nevel. "There's nothing in (Adamson's letter to IARC) that relates to benzene specifically. He's talking about risk assessments in general."

He added that Adamson "disavows" the chemical industry's memo on NCI's involvement.

Dr. Lorenzo Tomatis, an IARC official, told Obey that NCI had urged him to be cautious in evaluating small amounts of carcinogens, but that "no pressure was ever exerted on IARC by MCI's staff" to change the benzene study.

Obey, however, said: "It is difficult for me to believe that the sudden strong interest of the Cancer Institute in opposing quantitative risk assessment was not directly related to the preparation of the benzene document."



Identifying components in mixture

PARIS (RFI) — The most powerful European apparatus for analyzing organic mixtures is of French design and manufacture. Given the initials GC/MS, it has just been installed at the Valrose center of mass spectrometry (part of the Faculty of Sciences at Nice) where it has been giving results much appreciated by research workers. "In the past, we needed more than a year's work sometimes to separate and identify the major components of a complex mixture," explains Professor A. Cambon,

director of the center. "And it just wasn't possible to complete the analysis of a mixture containing more than 20 components. With the GC/MS, we only need a day or two now to analyze completely a mixture containing one hundred constituents."

The apparatus effectively marries two techniques: chromatography of gases and mass spectrometry. And it does this with a precision of down to one nanogram (one thousand-millionth of a gram) or even to one picogram (one thousand millionth of a

milligram). And the whole system is controlled and guided by the data-processing system "Sidar", which collects and instantaneously processes the data. It is this automatic guidance system which enables so much time to be saved on the interpretation of the results. It can keep 36,000 spectra in its memory and can stock up to 64,000. Within a few minutes of introducing an infinitely small dose of a complex mixture, all the useful data appears on a cathode screen in the form of chromatograms.

ASPIRIN AND REYE'S SYNDROME

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

Steinrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: Whenever my kids got a cold or a flu I'd reach for the aspirin bottle. It was a reflex action like fumbling for the cake of soap in the shower.

Now that one of my daughters has youngsters of her own, she tells me she doesn't use aspirin when they are sick. She says it may produce severe complications — even death. Isn't she being abnormally anxious? — Mrs. R.

Dear Mrs. R.: Undoubtedly she has read — or her doctor has advised — that aspirin may be tied in with Reye's syndrome. Although relatively rare, this condition may even be fatal if it complicates viral infections like the flu or chicken pox. It may cause liver dysfunction, brain swelling and seizures.

Government warnings linked aspirin with the development of Reye's syndrome a few years ago. And according to a recent JAMA report by Ronald J. Waldman, M.D., of Atlanta, affected children are more likely to have been those who received medication containing aspirin during the initial viral infection of flu or chicken pox. Studies are still continuing. Mrs. R. Don't consider that your daughter is being abnormally anxious.

MEDICAL LETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: My doctor has suggested that I visit a psych-

therapist who is a specialist in hypnosis treatment. But I don't like to be forced to do anything against my will. My trouble is extreme nervousness. The doctor thinks hypnosis may help me relax. — Mrs. M.

Dear Mrs. M.: If you don't agree to be hypnotized, remember it can't be forced upon you against your will. Cooperation is essential. Will hypnosis be helpful? In many patients I have observed some improvement in those who suffered emotional tension. As a result it helped such conditions as migraine, hypertension, ulcers, insomnia — all of which are associated with abnormal pressures.

For Mr. T.: It may be true that in some instances psychiatrists choose that specialty to find the answer to their own personal problems. But it's not fair to blame a psychiatrist's depression on personal problems alone. All psychiatrists face unique problems and stresses in practice that predispose to depression.

For Mrs. H.: A benign tumor, unlike a malignant tumor, does not spread to other body tissues. Therefore it poses no threat to life. But even a benign tumor may not be really benign if it grows so large or in a location that interferes with normal body function. In such cases, although benign, it may require surgical removal.

(Tomorrow: Osteoporosis often overlooked)

Juvenile crime highlights Gypsy plight

By Tony Carrivt

FRANKFURT, West Germany (R) — Police here are powerless to stop an epidemic of juvenile crime they believe is the work of Gypsy children equipped with screwdrivers and impeccable taste.

They say the youngsters are behind over 100 break-ins every month in West Germany's financial capital. But leaders of West Germany's 50,000 to 60,000 Gypsies fiercely dispute the allegations.

Police say the number of Gypsy children caught red-handed makes the crude methods of the youngsters, thought to number up to 150, easy to recognize.

Working in gangs of three or four, the children use screwdrivers to prise open doors of houses and flats whose occupants are away. Inside, they search out gold and cash, leaving costume jewelry and other less valuable items untouched. Catching the culprits is easy, police say; the problem is how to stop them stealing again.

Courts deal annually with around 1,800

cases where Gypsy youngsters are caught housebreaking, but police say most are under 14 year old — too young to be punished under West German law. All the authorities can do is put them in open youth remand centers which they can leave at will. Most stay long enough to eat a free meal, then disappear. As a result, many of the children are found stealing repeatedly — sometimes more than once in the same day.

Police say they suspect many of the robberies are planned by the children's parents, who they say frequently come to pick up the youngsters and their loot after break-ins. While the police can often recover the stolen items, lack of proof usually prevents the parents' arrest.

Gypsy leaders agree there is some crime among the children of the homeless Gypsy families moving around the Frankfurt area. But Romani Rose, leader of the German Gypsy Association, blames the authorities, who he says have consistently ignored the Gypsies' plight ever since they fled Eastern Europe some 20 years ago.

"These families have to steal to survive because West Germany, like other West European countries, refuses to give the work permits or grant them West German nationality," Romani Rose says.

The treatment of the country's 2,000 or so homeless Gypsies, frequently moved on by police from one town to another, is symptomatic of a general indifference toward them, he says.

The number of Gypsy children caught stealing, and the hoard of stolen goods recovered from Gypsy sites, speak for themselves, police say. At the end of last year they were able to mount a public exhibition of gold and jewelry after discovering 400 stolen valuables in a Gypsy caravan.

Even when the police catch the culprits, they can seldom be certain who they are. With no homes and no homeland, the children usually have no identity papers either. If they do, they are often documents provided by an unofficial Gypsy organization in Amsterdam and not recognized by West German authorities.

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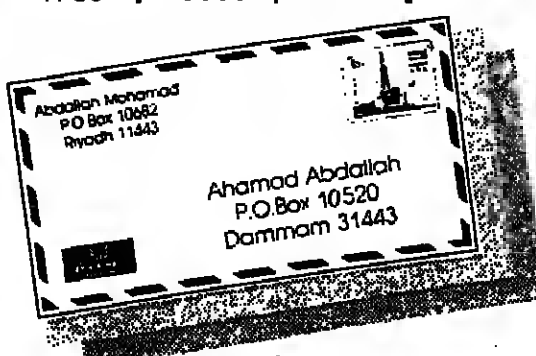
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Boost for fructose

Battle of sweeteners

By John Morrison

CHICAGO (R) — Consumers probably don't care how their favorite soft drink is sweetened, but a growing "Battle of the sweeteners" promises to have a profound impact on the future of American farmers and Third World economies.

Soft drinks have traditionally been sweetened by refined sugar, which produces sucrose. But during the past 15 years sucrose has been challenged increasingly by high fructose corn syrup, a byproduct of the U.S. corn crop. Over half the sugar consumed in the United States is imported and is a major source of income for many poor developing countries.

But huge American surpluses and the prospect of another bumper harvest this year have made fructose a cheap alternative, despite high tariffs on imported sugar designed to protect domestic sugar cane and sugar beet farmers.

Sugar traders and analysts told Reuters the rapid growth of fructose use in recent years would probably slow but the product should continue to make inroads in the refined sugar market.

Fructose costs 16 to 18 cents per pound compared to 25 to 27 cents for refined sugar according to Joseph McCune, purchasing manager for Royal Crown companies, the big soft drinks concern.

Royal Crown's soft drink sweetener formula calls for 25 percent fructose and 75 percent sucrose, but individual bottlers have discretion to choose a 50/50 mix due to the price advantage, he said. McCune said Royal Crown was reluctant to make an official switch to fructose from sucrose because of the uncertainty of fructose supply.

Kyo Brenner, a spokesman for the Corn Refiners' Association, forecast good growth

in fructose use over the next three to four years because of recent breakthroughs in use of the product in soft drinks, baked goods and canned and dairy products.

However, demand for fructose is now slack due to the weak world economy and depressed world sugar prices, he said, and low refined sugar prices abroad limit fructose expansion overseas. The world price of sugar is now only about eight cents a pound.

The fructose refining process was invented in the late 1960s, and use of the product as a sweetener in 1974 and in 1978-79 when world sugar prices soared, Brenner said. The biggest boost for fructose came in 1980 when a leading American soft drink concern decided on a 50/50 fructose-sucrose sweetener formula.

Many soft drink manufacturers and other large sugar users appear reluctant to increase their use of fructose because of fears about consumer taste preferences, Brenner said.

Seven-up soft drink is sweetened entirely with fructose because the choice of sweetener makes no discernible difference to the drink's taste, a company spokesman said.

However, he said fructose does change the taste of some soft drinks and, in these cases, sucrose is preferred.

Van Olsen, a spokesman for the U.S. Beet Sugar Association, said fructose would retain its price advantage over refined sugar because of excess supplies of fructose. He said he expected fructose use to continue to grow but that its short shelf life and its liquid form would limit further gains in market share.

Nicholas Kominus, president of the U.S. Cane Sugar Association, agreed that fructose would continue to make inroads in the American sweetener market due to its price advantage. He said the price support system for refined sugar hurts both sugar cane refiners and farmers as their market share is eroded.

Encouraging wage earners' inventions

PARIS, (RFI) — When a wage earner invents something, who does the invention belong to? To the employer or to the employee? On the reply to this question depends the technological health of an industrial nation. If the law satisfies both parties, its influence is stimulating; if it doesn't, it may help to keep the wage earner in a passive and routine attitude.

In France, until just a few years ago, only 29% of applications for patents were lodged by French individuals or firms. A proportion which is much higher in other countries. People started saying this was the fault of the legislation in force. This legislation, whose latest texts were drawn up in 1920, lays down three cases:

The "service" invention, accomplished by the wage earner with his company's resources and in the framework of his work contract: this gives full ownership of the invention to the employer.

The "free" invention, accomplished by the wage earner outside the company: the employee owns this invention without the slightest doubt.

The "mixed" invention or of "co-ownership", which the wage earner shares with his employer, according to parallel rights to be laid down by conciliation.

"If this conciliation is organized in advance, it may be satisfactory to both parties," explains Dragne, legal adviser at INPI (National Institute for Industrial Ownership).

"But, if it is drawn up afterward, all sorts of difficulties can crop up, for the two parties don't always agree." In the last resort, the case goes to court, where disagreements become even fiercer in some cases. The employee has a good chance of being fired — and at the same time of losing all his rights to the invention.

Bulgaria exploits inland waterway

By Ronald Farquhar

SOFIA (R) — Bulgaria's international road trucking enterprise, one of the largest in Europe, is taking to the water to improve its services to the Middle East and Asia.

The blue-and-white trailers of Bulgarian state transport organization So-Mat have begun sailing along the River Danube aboard a new specially designed motor-ship.

The 1,500 kilometer river link from the West German port of Passau through Austria, Hungary and Yugoslavia to Vidin in the northwestern corner of Bulgaria, will bring savings in fuel, manpower, and vehicle wear-and-tear without extending delivery time, So-Mat officials say.

Drivers deliver 12-meter-long loaded trailers from West European centers to the departure port. There they are unhitched, stowed aboard ship, and picked up at the arrival terminal by other trucks who haul them to various destinations.

The Bulgarian trucking enterprise was founded 20 years ago, primarily to transport Bulgarian exports and imports. But it gradually expanded into the international transit trade, carrying loads for foreign customers to destinations beyond Bulgaria. It now runs more than 5,000 heavy vehicles and employs about 14,000 people.

The first of a planned fleet of four flat-topped freighters, each capable of carrying 49 trailers, was launched from a West German Danube shipyard at Ehrendorf, near Passau, last May.

The same year is building a sister ship, due to be completed later this year, and two more under construction in Belgrade are expected to be launched in 1983. The So-Mat enterprise last January formed a joint company with a West German transport firm, Bayerischer Lloyd A.G., of Regensburg, to operate the Danube link. The West Germans hold a

51 percent share in the venture, entitled the Donau-Lloyd-Mat G.M.B.H., which headquarters in Passau, and sales offices in four other West German towns. The Bulgarian participation is 49 percent.

New port terminals for the service are being built in Passau and Vidin, and are expected to be completed this year. The Bulgarian partners are the owners of the ship. Most of the return cargoes shipped in the Vidin-Passau direction will be Bulgarian exports to West Germany, officials said.

So-Mat marketing and development director Anastas Valkanov said, economic considerations, particularly sharply rising fuel costs and increased road taxes in some countries, had given the Bulgarian enterprise and its West German partner the idea to exploit the inland waterway.

Since June last year So-Mat has also been operating two sea-going vehicle ferries, each able to carry between 130 to 140 articulated trucks, from the Yugoslav Adriatic Port of Koper, to Aqaba, in Jordan. From there the trucks travel overland to Middle East destinations such as Baghdad and Kuwait. The Bulgarian enterprise also aims to offer regular door-to-door services to points in Libya, Egypt and west Africa, officials say.

So-Mat deputy general director Dimitar Raychev, in an interview at the enterprise's base near Sofia, said the trucks were major foreign currency earners for Bulgaria.

So-Mat derives its main income from transit services provided to West European customers through national forwarding agents in their respective countries, Raychev said. But by transporting Bulgarian exports and imports, the enterprise also made an important contribution to the country's competitiveness in foreign trade, he added.

"Broadly speaking, we transport any kind of cargo that will fit within the overall dimen-

sions of a trailer — machinery, equipment, chemicals, electronic products, spare parts, containers, even rolling stock such as construction machines on wheels or on tracks," Raychev said.

Before they are assigned to international duty, drivers undergo training that includes instructions in documentation and customs and frontier formalities, as well as vehicle maintenance and running repairs. They also study geography, receive basic courses in German, English and French, and are told about national customs and habits of the countries they pass through so that they will be on guard against offending local susceptibilities.

Raychev said Bulgaria was at the crossroads between Europe and the Middle East and Asia, and geographically well-placed to develop intercontinental transit traffic. He said the Middle East and Asian market was difficult and fluctuating, and basically an unbalanced one-way trade — because truckers were never sure of getting loads for their return trips — but the Bulgarian enterprise had won a dominant share of it.

Raychev played down suggestions that armed conflicts and unrest could damage future business prospects for So-Mat, whose destinations include Lebanon, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We continue to carry cargoes along international routes to and from Afghanistan as with any other country, he said. "We are convinced that this market has good prospects. These countries are there to stay, and they need to export and import, and we are doing our best to stay in the market. We are not fashionable carriers, in the market one day and disappearing the next."

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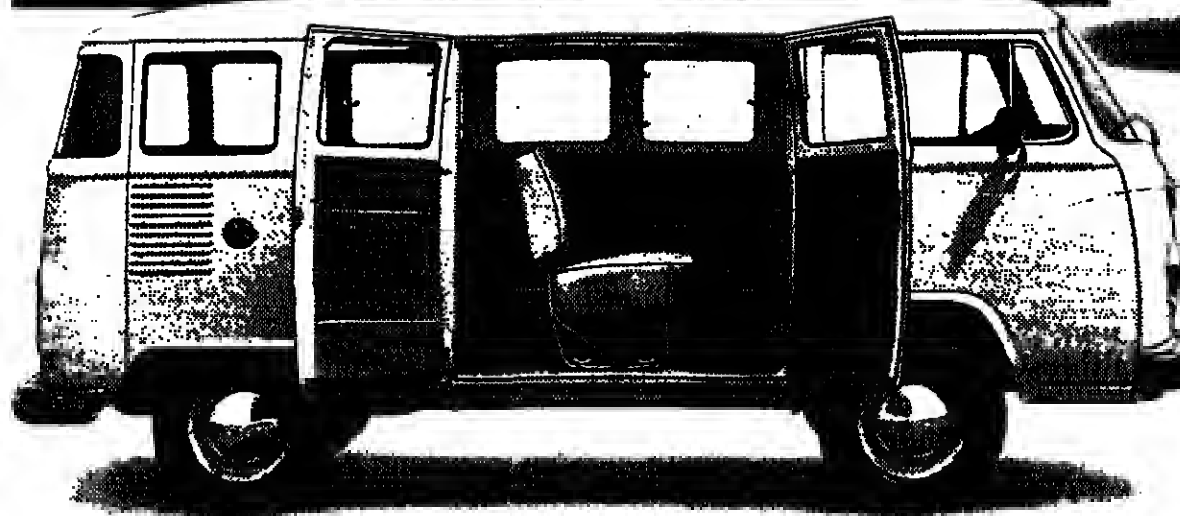
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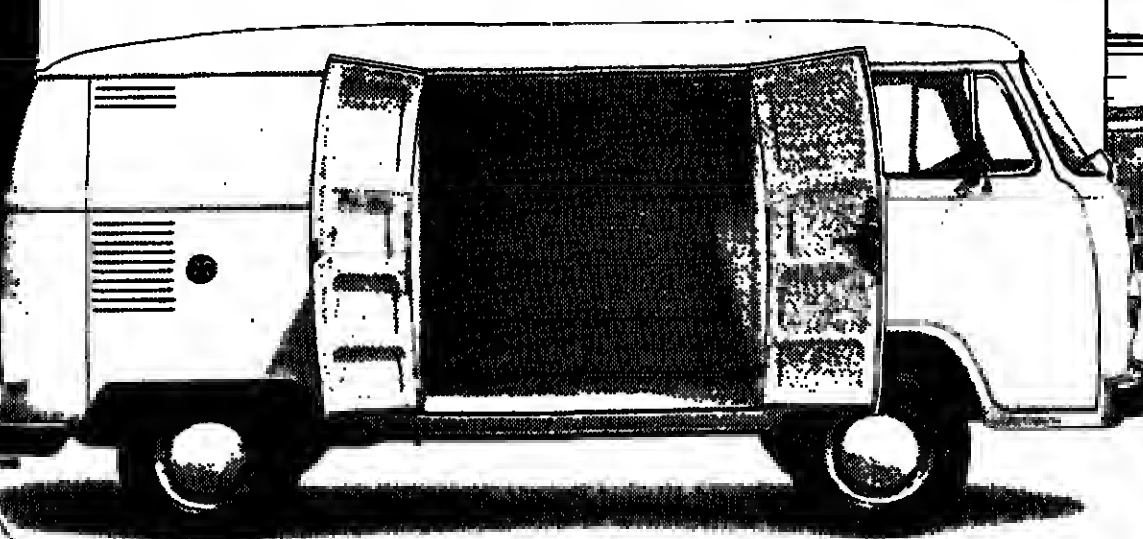
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Germany records \$9.4b trade gain

FRANKFURT, Aug. 13 (AFP) — West Germany has slashed its balance of payments deficit to 1.800 million marks (\$400 million) over the first six months of the year, the Bundesbank announced in its monthly report.

Over the corresponding period last year, the deficit was a huge 15.000 million marks (\$6 billion).

The Bundesbank said the deficit would have been virtually wiped out were it not for an accumulation of interest payments due for foreign payment at the beginning of this year.

Bonn's trade balance for the first half-year showed a surplus of 24.000 million marks (\$4.6 billion) — four times as much as the 6.000 million marks (\$2.4 billion) chalked up in the same time last year.

The Bundesbank reported that exports

grew 15 percent in volume and eight percent in value. Automobile exports were up 30 percent, those of iron and steel up 25 percent and those of electrical goods up 17 percent.

Mainly responsible were big jumps in exports to Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) nations (up 31 percent for Saudi Arabia and Iraq), to Britain (up 29 percent) and to Norway (up 33 percent).

Imports increased by only five percent in value and 2.5 percent in volume. Imports of energy products were up marginally to 45.400 million marks (\$18 billion) against a corresponding 44.000 million marks last year.

Bonn's deficit on invisibles from January to June this year grew 3.000 million marks (\$1.2 billion) over the corresponding period last year to 11.400 million marks (\$4.6 billion).

U.S. credit markets rally

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (R) — Credit markets have rallied, partly in response to a temporary injection of liquidity by the New York Federal Reserve Bank, but uncertainty remains about the implications that move has for the Fed's monetary policy, money market analysts said.

Federal funds are expected to open around 10 percent and participants will be waiting to see what, if any, action the Fed takes in the open market. Another temporary injection of reserves may signal a further easing in the Fed's policy, some analysts said.

Analysts generally had not expected the Fed to add reserves through overnight repurchase agreements. Because of various seasonal factors analysts had anticipated some pe of adding operation. However, they doubted the need for a permanent addition to reserves and had looked for a longer-term transaction, such as a 4-day repurchase agreement.

Analysts added that the use of an overnight transaction on a Thursday, the beginning of the payment week, also suggests something of a protest by the Fed.

Analysts noted that the Fed had not raised the market at the beginning of the payment week until it started its easing operations begun in early July. Some analysts said the Fed's actions also could result in another 1/2 point cut in the discount rate, possibly very shortly. The discount rate was cut to 11 percent from 11 1/2 percent on July 30.

Other analysts were not quite as sure about possible discount rate action, at least for Friday, partly because of the forecasts calling for rise of around two billion dollars in the M-1 money supply figures to be reported for the week ended Aug. 4.

Prior to any Fed intervention and the

released of the money supply, some direction for the market may come when the economic figures are released. Analysts noted that the economy remains weak and that signs of a recovery have yet to emerge.

They noted that the strains within the financial system again were underscored by news Lombard-Wall Inc., a small firm involved in the arbitrage of government securities, filed for protection under chapter XI of the federal bankruptcy code.

The news prompted a flight to quality, similar to that which followed the Drysdale government securities affair in May, and accounted for most of the 1/2 point drop in treasury bill yields.

Oman gets \$235 million bank loan

LONDON, Aug. 13 (AFP) — Oman has clinched a \$235 million loan on the international capital market in order to build a university, financial sources said here.

The loan was organized by the London Bank Morgan Grenfell, in collaboration with such banks as Societe Generale of France, the Bank of America, the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Arab Bank and the British Midland Bank.

It was guaranteed by the export credit guarantee department of the British trade ministry.

The so-called university of Qaboos, to be built at Al-Khod, will be constructed by the British firm cementation international. Work is scheduled to start toward the end of the year.

Wall Street firm goes bankrupt

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (R) — The Wall Street firm Lombard-Wall Inc., a government securities dealer, has filed for bankruptcy.

The move followed the much publicized failure in May of a similar firm, Drysdale Government Securities Inc.

Lombard-Wall said business had become impossible after Bankers Trust Company refused to continue to act as its agent bank — or middle-man — because of what it said was its weak financial condition.

In its bankruptcy petition, Lombard-Wall said its biggest unsecured bank creditor was Chase Manhattan Bank, which had \$45 million of claims.

Hong Kong mart crash a Chinese puzzle

LONDON, Aug. 13 (AFP) — The Hong Kong stock market is currently "only for the brave", according to weekend comment in the specialist press here following recent market turmoil in the colony.

Recent events on the Hong Kong market are described variously as "a typhoon", "paranoia", "huffing and puffing", and "a Chinese puzzle". The Economist commented that the upset was "the price of being chummy with China".

Although all agree on the causes of the collapse, their views on the future vary. The most optimistic is the Daily Mail's influential city editor, Patrick Sergeant, who writes:

"I am betting on the foreign office. They have stood so deep in the prime minister's black books for so long that they are determined to do something right for a change. My Chinese friends tell me that, against all the odds, the foreign office — and our men

on the spot — have arranged for Margaret (Thatcher) to bring something good out of China."

He sees China's purchase of land to house its central bank in Hong Kong "more evidence that the republic is happy with the status quo", arguing "why build a huge office in Hong Kong if you mean to cripple the colony?"

The Daily Mail writer continues "If I am right, the money will stop pouring out of Hong Kong — and you won't see their shares for dust."

For "Lex" in the Financial Times, "the first requirement for any international investor in the Hong Kong market is a strong stomach."

He notes that besides fears about China's intentions, "the economic background in the last month has given little cause for concern." In particular, "with a bulge in supply now coming on the market, the likelihood

U.K. pressed to cut base rate

LONDON, Aug. 13 (R) — An unexpectedly sharp fall in industrial output is intensifying pressure on the British government to reduce interest rates further and take new measures to stimulate the economy, stockbrokers and economic analyst says.

On Thursday's news of a 1.7 percent fall in manufacturing output in June and May, and a 1.5 percent drop in total industrial production suggest the British economy is stagnating this summer, they say.

The government has reacted to calls for reflationary measures from employers and trade unions by abolishing controls on hire purchase, granting some aid to the unemployed and by engineering cuts in commercial bank lending rates.

But analysts say Thursday's output figures underscored the depth of the recession and poor industrial performance, despite government assurances that the economy was starting to pick up. The government attributed part of the sharp fall in output to seasonal factors, but it admitted that the decline also represented a genuine downturn in industrial activity.

Each month this year industrial production statistics have been revised downwards, and the latest figures show that May industrial output was well below official estimates.

The latest fall was foreshadowed to some extent by a gloomy survey published earlier this month by the Federation of British Industry (FBI) which showed a sharp decline in business confidence. FBI said manufacturing output was down and likely to remain depressed for some months.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Geoffrey Howe reacted by making clear the government would continue to pursue its monetarist policies.

He said the British economy was in better shape than 15 months ago, inflation was down to single figures and interest rates had been cut by 4.5 percentage points so far this

U.S. panel okays aid to Caribbean

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (R) — A special congressional committee approved a request from President Ronald Reagan for \$350 million in Caribbean economic development aid Thursday night, but refused to allow \$100 million for military aid to El Salvador, congressional sources said.

The committee, composed of members from both the Senate and the House of Representatives, was set up to reconcile conflicting approaches to the request in the two houses.

The sources said the Caribbean aid was made part of a general appropriation bill, which involved about \$9 billion and would be presented to Congress for formal approval.

It included \$75 million for economic aid to El Salvador, they added. The Senate had approved \$355 million for Caribbean aid.

Meanwhile, House and Senate committees are moving slowly on the rest of President Reagan's Caribbean Basin initiative.

As part of the initiative, the president asked Congress to approve trade and tax incentives to increase Caribbean countries' export trade.

As output slumps

year.

Paul Neild, chief economist with stockbrokers Phillips and Drew said the firm might have to revise its forecast for growth this year in Britain's gross domestic product (GDP), the measure of rods and services produced by the economy, following the latest industrial production figures. The brokerage house, which had been projecting real GDP growth of about one percent this year over 1981, may now revise this downwards to between zero and one percent.

Neild said there was pressure on the government to reduce interest rates even further. Although sterling has weakened against the dollar, its stability against other currencies should not prevent more interest rate cuts, he added.

He predicted that July industrial production figures would not help the government. Output is likely to have been flat last month, despite the probability of 0.25 percent production increases in the steel and car industries.

But car output was lower than expected in June and the number of new houses being built also slumped. However, Neild said a recent 1.5 percent reduction in home loan interest rates to 12 percent should provide a 0.5 percent boost to real disposable incomes.

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As industrial output dips

U.S. wholesale prices increase

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) — Wholesale prices in the United States, fueled by the biggest gasoline price hikes in eight years but restrained by the sharpest food cost declines since 1976, rose at an annual rate of 7.1 percent in July, the government said Friday.

Gasoline costs, picking up momentum after falling earlier in the year, rose 7.9 percent last month, almost twice the increase posted in June and the largest jump since March 1974, the Labor Department said.

But food prices tumbled 1.5 percent, the biggest drop since February 1976. Falling prices for beef accounted for much of the decline. July's overall increase seemed moderate, however, in comparison with the 13.3 percent rise posted the month before.

Even with the sizable increases in June and July, inflation at the wholesale level was running at a modest annual rate of 3.1 percent for the first seven months of this year — well under the 7 percent of 1981 and 11.8 percent of 1980. Economists are still predicting that wholesale-price inflation for all of 1982 will be about 5 percent.

Buttressing that argument, the department's bureau of labor statistics revised its estimate of April wholesale price activity to record a 0.1 percent drop. The revised April figure, following declines of 0.2 percent in February and 0.1 percent in March, means that wholesale prices fell for three straight months for the first time since early 1967.

Meanwhile, U.S. industrial production index fell 0.1 percent last month — the 11th drop over the past 12 months, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board said.

Industrial output was 10.3 percent lower than it was in July 1981. In May and June this year it dropped 0.7 percent.

The index would have fallen even more sharply last month had it not been for a 12 percent boost in automobile production. But the Fed noted that carmakers were predicting lower output for August.

Output of consumer goods, picked up 0.6 percent last month, production of military material was up 0.8 percent but that of capital goods dropped 2.1 percent.

In another development, despite growing pessimism about the economy and President Ronald Reagan's plans to fix it, a majority of Americans continue to have confidence in Reagan and his economic program, according to the latest Associated Press-NBC news poll.

Sixty-one percent of those polled said they think the nation's economy has gotten worse in the last year, up from 53 percent in June, with two of every three people who said the economy had worsened blaming Reagan's policies.

At the same time, the poll found sharp division among Americans over the president's proposals for tax increases to offset record budget deficits.

Confidence in Reagan's program for reviving the economy has been declining since January, when 75 percent of those polled said they had as much or more confidence in one economic program as another year earlier.

In the recent AP-NBC poll, 57 percent said they have some or a lot of confidence in Reagan's ability to improve the economy in the next year, and 57 percent said they have the same or more confidence in his economic program than they did a year ago.

UAE enjoys banking boom

ABU DHABI, Aug. 13 (WAM) — Fully licensed commercial banks in the UAE currently have about 350 branches (one per approximately 2,500 inhabitants), of which Abu Dhabi and Dubai account for one third each and Sharjah for one-sixth, according to a special banking report in the UAE newspaper *Khaleej Times*.

Of the 22 locally incorporated banks in the country, nine have their head office in Dubai, five in Abu Dhabi, four in Sharjah, two in Ras Al Khaimah, four in Ajman, and one in Umm Al Qaiwain.

Of the total bank deposits of 52 billion dirhams (\$14 billion) at the end of November 1981, 48 percent came from the private sector, 9 percent from the public sector and 43 percent from overseas residents.

Of the total credit to residents of 30 billion dirhams (\$8 billion) at the end of March 1981, trade accounted for 39 percent (mainly in Dubai) and construction for 33 percent (mainly in Abu Dhabi).

In addition, assets of restricted licence banks (RLB's) denoting those international

Argentina draws foreign shoppers

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 13 (AP) — Argentina has become a shopper's paradise for thousands of foreign tourists who come loaded with dollars and depart with suitcases bulging with shoes and clothing bought at bargain prices unmatchable at home.

Argentines, on the other hand, disillusioned by their country's defeat in the Falkland Islands war and squeezed by inflation are hard put to buy the same items the foreigners find so cheap. The purchasing power of peso salaries shrinks daily due to living cost increases that amounted to 16.3 percent in July alone, the highest monthly inflation figure in six years.

The situation is a reversal for many Argentines who, only two years were among the world's big spenders.

Ex-minister of Turkey faces probe

ANKARA, Aug. 13 (R) — Turkey's military rulers Friday ordered an investigation into the conduct of former Finance Minister Kaya Erdem, who resigned last month.

An announcement in the official government gazette said the investigation would consider allegations that Erdem had misused his authority and neglected his duties in connection with an investigation into the state sugar industry.

Several senior officials of the sugar industry have been detained accused of mismanaging its affairs. The former finance minister resigned after the multi-million dollar collapse of the country's largest financial broker.

The gazette said Erdem's conduct would be investigated by the same committee that is currently looking into accusations of mismanagement against another former minister, Sahap Kocatopcu, who resigned as industry and technology minister earlier this year.

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Iceland's crown may be devalued

REYKJAVIK, Aug. 13 (AFP) — The Icelandic crown will be devalued by between 10 and 15 percent within the next few days, semi-official sources said soon after foreign exchange operations were suspended here.

The crown was devalued by 12 percent in January in order to boost the competitiveness of exports. Since then, the country's national bank has quietly allowed its currency to depreciate by around 10 percent. Iceland suffers from chronic inflation that could reach as high as 60 percent this year despite the soft line taken by trade unions in accepting a 2.5 percent pay cut for 1982.

Mexico exchanges shut

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 13 (R) — Mexico's finance ministry said it ordered all foreign exchange markets temporarily closed from Friday to avoid continuing speculation against the peso.

Under the new measure accounts held in foreign currency will be paid in pesos at Thursday's closing rate of 69.50 pesos to the dollar.

The ministry said financial obligations contracted in or outside the country will be paid in pesos at the going rate for the day of payment.



Despite EEC pressure

U.S. rules out easing curbs

LONDON, Aug. 13 (R) — The U.S. will not change its basic decision to ban the sale of U.S. technology and equipment for the Siberian gas pipeline, despite pressure from the European Economic Community to do so, U.S. treasury assistant secretary for international affairs, Marc Leland, said.

While some technical changes may be made in the embargo based on comments received before an Aug. 21 deadline, there will be no change in the basic decision to impose it and extend it to foreign licensees and subsidiaries of U.S. firms, he told Reuters in a brief telephone interview.

The EEC delivered a political note to Washington Thursday criticizing President Reagan's technology embargo on the Soviet gas pipeline.

The note states the U.S. ban on EEC firms to use U.S. technology in the building of a Soviet pipeline is "unlawful under international law."

It added the embargo "apparently" violates U.S. law, harms European business interests at a time of economic hardship and will cause no delays in pipeline construction. The note termed the ban's effects on Europe "unquestionably and seriously damaging."

The EEC called on the U.S. government to withdraw its embargo which has been greeted with scorn in European business and government circles as well as vows to ignore it. However, Leland said U.S. has not made a final decision on what actions to take if foreign companies defy the embargo.

An English company John Brown, said recently that it will begin deliveries of its first six gas turbines for the Siberian gas pipeline at the end of this month, after the British government ordered it and three other U.K. firms not to comply with the U.S. embargo.

Leland said the John Brown equipment was covered by sanctions the U.S. adopted against the pipeline in December, and not by the expansion of the embargo in June. The Scottish firm has not received re-export

licenses for the equipment, he said.

If the U.S. embargo is complied with, it will make construction of the pipeline by the Soviet Union much more difficult and costly, he added.

Leland also said the Reagan administration will not pressure the U.S. steel industry to accept an agreement reached between the administration and the EEC limiting European steel exports to the U.S.

Berti to attend OPEC parleys

CARACAS, Aug. 13 (R) — Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines, Humberto Calderon Berti, will fly to Vienna next week to attend a 3-day meeting of OPEC's market monitoring committee, energy and mines ministry sources said.

He will be accompanied by OPEC governor for Venezuela Carlos Julio Gonzalez and senior officials from Venezuelan state-owned oil companies.

In San Francisco, meanwhile, Standard Oil economists said Thursday the relative stability of global oil prices and supplies will continue for a prolonged period if U.S. energy conservation continues.

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Bangladesh Taka		15.50
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Canadian Dollar		274.50
Deutsche Mark (100)	137.90	136.75
French Franc (100)	124.30	124.12
Egyptian Pound	3.30	3.47
Emirati Dirham (100)	92.55	92.72
Fl. Franc (100)	49.60	49.20
Greek Drachma (1,000)	49.00	48.62
Indian Rupee (100)		35.70
Iranian Rial (100)		
Israeli Dinar	5.75	
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.00	24.60
Japanese Yen (1,000)		13.13
Jordanian Dinar	9.70	9.59
Kuwait Dinar	11.89	11.875
Lebanese Lira (100)	67.00	66.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)		52.23
Pakistan Rupee (100)		28.05
Philippines Peso (100)		40.80
Pound Sterling	5.89	5.85
Qatari Rial (100)	94.70	94.64
Singapore Dollar (100)		158.25
Spanish Pesta (1,000)		30.40
Sri Lanka (100)	160.00	159.70
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Southern Province Health Department	Building three small clinics	—	500	22-8-1982
Abha Education Dept.	Maintaining the electrical and air-conditioning networks of the area's schools	1	500	24-8-1982
" " "	Cleaning the ministry's schools in the area	2	300	" "

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SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 23RD SHAWWAL 1402/12TH AUGUST, 1982

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
2.	Mitsu Maru	Alireza	Vehicles	11.8.82
3.	Roman Pazinski	Attar	Contrs/Gen.	9.8.82
5.	Pollux	Gulf	Cal. Carb/Timber/Gen.	11.8.82
6.	Patricia "S"	El Hawi	Gen/Contrs.	4.8.82
7.	Silver Rays	S.S.M.S.C.	Rice/Maize	9.8.82
8.	Johnny	Algezihr	Steel/Fd/Gen.	8.8.82
9.	Al Solahiah	Kanoo	Contr./F. Lbrs/Gen.	10.8.82
10.	Char Lo	Abdullah	Gen/Contrs	4.8.82
11.	Alice	El Hawi	Bagged Barley	10.8.82
12.	Hee Woo No. 2	O.C.E.	Sul/Timber	8.8.82
13.	Golden Taif	El Hawi	Gen/St/Timber	8.8.82
14.	Yamato Reefer	Baahoud	Oura	9.8.82
15.	Saudi Enterprise	M.E.S.A.	Reefer	9.8.82
18.	Kawachi Maru	Alireza	Timber/Fd/Gen.	10.8.82
19.	Ertihiani	Rolaco	Containers	25.7.82
18.	Falcon Arrow	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	10.8.82
20.	Golden Riyadh	El Hawi	Gen/Pipes/Contrs	5.8.82
21.	Union Hodeidah	O.C.E.	Contrs/Gen/Steel	6.8.82
22.	Saudi Cloud	M.E.S.A.	Contrs/Timber	9.8.82
23.	Gama Kasia	A.E.T.	Contrs/Gen./Tractors	11.8.82
24.	Antonios P. Lemos	Alasada	Contrs/Steel/Gen.	10.8.82
25.	Makdive Promotor	Ori	Rice/S.ghum/Timber	11.8.82
26.	Nicolas "A"	Ori	General	11.8.82
27.	Artemon	Najd	Contrs/Timber/Gen.	10.8.82
28.	Africa Maru	A.E.T.	Contrs/Gen.	10.8.82
30.	Safina Reefer	O.C.E.	Butter/Beef/Chicken	10.8.82
32.	Archimedes	Alatas	Std/Ppe/H.Veh	10.8.82

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1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:

1.	Makdive Pride	Orri	Maize	11.8.82
2.	Tei Sun	See	gGeneral	10.8.82
3.	Krit Diamond	Kanoo	General	11.8.82
4.	Petropolis	UEP	Steel	8.8.82
5.	Rangamati	Saa	General	11.8.82
6.	Agagan Wave	OCE	Frozen Chicken	7.8.82
7.	Ming Honesy	Kanoo	General	10.8.82
8.	Anasol Fornie	Gulf	Timber/Gen.	9.8.82
11.	Federal Hudson	Kanoo	Iron Ore	9.8.82
14.	Al Sallimah	Kanoo	General	9.8.82
15.	Kellett Island	UEP	General	9.8.82
17.	Asia No. 11	SMC	Gen/Steel/Plywood	9.8.82
18.	Debra Everett	Gulf	Bananas	11.8.82
20.	Orient Pine	Gossabi	Plywood	11.8.82
21.	Yung Fon Lu	Gossabi	Gen/Contrs.	10.8.82
22.	Eastern Bride	UEP	Steel Products	8.8.82
25.	Panch Abha	Orri	General	12.8.82
27.	Hellenic Valor	Gulf	Containers	11.8.82
28.	Lady of Lorne	Spitte	Rice	17.7.82
30.	Spartan Reefer	OCE	Reefer	9.8.82

BRIEFS

TOKYO, (AFP) — Japan's business bankruptcy rate dropped last month for the third consecutive month, but will probably pick up again soon, Tokyo Shoko Research, a private credit research agency has reported here. It reported that 1,375 firms folded last month — down 3.4 percent on July 1981. But the firms had total liabilities of 188,900 million yen (about \$71.8 million) — 13 percent higher than in July last year.

NEW YORK, (R) — Creditors of Banco Ambrosiano Overseas Ltd., the Bahamas subsidiary of Banco Ambrosiano holding SA of Luxembourg, have advised it that they will seek its voluntary liquidation, its counsel, Ralph Seligman, said. Seligman contacted by telephone in Nassau, said he was satisfied that the creditors who have taken this decision represent a majority of the creditors not affiliated with it.

FRANKFURT, (R) — Age-Telefunken and its provisional receiver Wilhelm Schaaf said the company will meet all commitments it has made and will make, since filing for composition proceedings to settle with its creditors on Aug. 9. They said they are issuing the statement following numerous inquiries from customers and suppliers.

FRANKFURT, (R) — Talks in Warsaw this week, between a small group of Western creditor banks and Polish officials, form a good foundation for the finalization in the near future of an agreement on rescheduling 1982 commercial debt, a joint statement released through Dresdner Bank said.

WASHINGTON, (R) — The capacity utilization rate of U.S. factories fell to 69.5 percent seasonally adjusted in July from a revised 69.7 percent in June, the Federal Reserve Board said. The board said factories were operating at 69.8 percent in June. The July operating rate was down from 79.8 percent a year earlier.

ANKARA, (R) — Iran wants the Turkish engineering concern Industri Teusati Ve Mazemesi A.S. to rebuild war-damaged oil installations in Abadan and other places, company chairman Ekmeleddin Diriker told Reuters.

AMSTERDAM, (R) — Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank (AMRO) said it expects net profit for the whole of this year to show a major decline from the 263 million guilders earned last year, since considerable provisions for credit risks will remain necessary in the near future.

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Magnificent Mohsin lords it over in Test

LONDON, Aug. 13 (Agencies) — Mohsin Khan became the first man for 33 years to score a double century in a cricket Test at Lord's as Pakistan moved to 428 for eight Friday, second day of the second Test against England.

The 27-year-old opener was the first player to achieve the feat since Martin Donnelly of New Zealand in 1949. He also was only the eighth in history. Rain rubbed out four hours of play in the afternoon and Mohsin was left agonizingly on 199 before sneaking a single soon after the re-start.

He then was caught at square-leg by Chris Tavare off Robin Jackman celebrated his 37th birthday in fine style, taking three of the five wickets to fall after Pakistan resumed at 295 for three.



Zaheer... stylish 75

Score-board	
Pakistan (1st innings)	200
Mohsin Khan c Tavare b Jackman	200
Mansoor Akhtar c Lamb b Botham	57
Javed Miandad run out	6
Zaheer Abbas b Jackman	75
Haroon Rashid b Botham	1
Imran Khan c Taylor b Botham	12
Tahir Naqash c Gatting b Jackman	2
Wasim Bari batting	24
Abdul Qadir batting	18
Extras:	13
Total (for 8 wks)	428

Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-197, 3-208, 4-261, 5-362, 6-380, 7-382, 8-401.

(Scores incomplete)

Gavaskar recovering

LONDON, Aug. 13 (AP) — Indian cricket captain Sunil Gavaskar, recovering from a broken ankle, hopes to be fit to play against Sri Lanka next month. Gavaskar, who missed the last Test between England and India because of the injury, returns to India Saturday.

"I had the plaster removed earlier this week and the doctors have told me I will be able to play the spinners in two weeks and the fast bowlers in four weeks," he said.

"Obviously it will be a slow process, but I'm confident I will be able to play against Sri Lanka unless I do something silly."

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Villa... raises eyebrows

Roberts, Taylor bowl Leicester to thumping win

LONDON, Aug. 3 (Agencies) — Hostile fast bowling by West Indian Andy Roberts boosted Leicestershire's championship challenge in the England County Cricket League Thursday.

They beat Nottinghamshire by Ten wickets with a day to spare. Roberts taking five for 37, and England rebel Les Taylor took four for 28 as Notts were bowled out for 70 in their second innings to leave Leicestershire's openers needing just 20 for victory. Earlier, Roberts contributed 25 with the bat as his side put on 267 for a first innings lead of 51.

Leaders Middlesex gained control against Gloucestershire as Roland Butcher made 173 with two sixes and 23 fours to pull his side up from a dangerous 30 for five to a first innings lead of 30. Franklyn Stephenson 5-69 and John Shepherd (4-79) returned five figures. Then Middlesex reduced their rivals to 67 for three by the close at Cheltenham.

Northamptonshire spinners Peter Willey and David Steele ran through Sussex for a second time to give their side victory by an innings and 58 runs. They shared 18 wickets between them. Willey with match figures of nine for 58 and Steele nine for 59. Sussex had followed on 177 behind after scoring 84 in their first knock, and were all out for 119 in their second attempt at Eastbourne.

Surrey's Allen Butcher was in outstanding form at Edgbaston. He cracked 187 not out and David Smith slammed an unbeaten 105 as Surrey made 318 for one declared. In reply to Warwickshire's mammoth 447 for eight declared, of which Alvin Kalicharran made 195.

Geoff Boycott powered his way to yet another century. The former England opener hit 129 and Richard Lamb contributed 81 as Yorkshire made 250 for four in reply to Somerset's 388 at Weston-Super-Mare. Another century Thursday was John Hampshire for Derbyshire. His unbeaten 101 and fine knocks of 67 and 63 by Barry Wood and Peter Kirsten respectively, enabled Derbyshire declare at 305 for seven in reply to Lancashire's 332 for five declared at Derby.

The home team then captured one Lancashire wicket with just five runs on the board. Trevor Jesty's 106 enabled Hampshire to dictate terms to a floundering Essex at Chelmsford. Hampshire, who totaled 351, took an lead of 176 runs. Essex had made 147 for five in their second inning.

Glamorgan had consolidated its 68-run first inning lead by 111 runs without losing a wicket. The opening pair of Alan Jones and A. V. Jones — with 41 and 49 respectively — were going great guns when stumps were drawn at Canterbury. Earlier, Mark Benson (51) and E. Baptiste (69 not out) had steered Kent to 300 for eight declared.

BRIEFS

KUALA LUMPUR, (AP) — Brazil's Santa Catarina drew 1-1 with Ghana in a Group 'B' match to make the second round of the Merdeka Soccer Tournament here Friday night. Ghana already qualified for the second round.

SINGAPORE (AP) — China, playing a defensive game, beat Thailand 1-0 in the Asian Youth Soccer Tournament at the National Stadium Thursday night. Halftime score was 0-0.

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Hartmut Reich of East Germany needed just 48 seconds in pin Japan's Toshio Asakura, defending champion in the 52-kilogram weight class, and post an upset Thursday at the World Wrestling Championships. Asakura didn't appear to be aware he had lost until the German's hand was raised in victory.

HAVANA, (R) — Daniel Nunez of Cuba set a world weightlifting record for the snatch in the featherweight division Thursday lifting 136 kilograms during the Central American and Caribbean Games here. Nunez, the world and Olympic champion, beat the previous record of 135.5 kgs set by Boleslav Manolov of Bulgaria in Budapest last June 2.

COLOMBIA (AP) — The ninth World Basketball championship starts Sunday in three Colombian cities, with the Soviet Union, the United States and Yugoslavia favorites for the title.

BANGKOK, (AFP) — Malaysia's Alan Lee Thursday fired a 1278 six-game series for third position in the singles, then fashioned a 1228 to issue a challenge for the Masters Crown in the \$20,000 Tenpin Bowling Open Championships here.

ISLAMABAD, (R) — A 45-year-old Swiss claimed the world record for skiing down a mountain more than 8,000 meters (25,000 feet) high Thursday. Sylvain Saudan, who lives at Chamony in France near the Swiss border, said he skied down the 8,068-meter (more than 25,000 feet) Gasherbrum One Peak in northern Pakistan on July 27.

TOLUCA, Mexico (AP) — Andras Andorjan of Hungary defeated Amador Rodriguez of Cuba in the second round of the World Chess Championship's Interzonal qualifying tournament to take an early share of the lead. Rodriguez resigned after 20 moves in the game, which began Tuesday and ended Wednesday night.

Villa has Burkinshaw on tenterhooks

LONDON, Aug. 13 (AP) — Argentine soccer star Ricardo Villa has failed to return to English First Division soccer club Tottenham Hotspur after vacationing in Buenos Aires.

Tottenham officials expected midfielder Villa to leave Argentina on Monday, but he failed to arrive at Heathrow Airport. "It is a mystery," said Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw Thursday. "All he had to do was report as arranged to the Swiss Embassy in Buenos Aires to get a visa and then get on a plane to England."

Villa last week was reported to be negotiating a transfer to top Argentine club River Plate. The former international has been with FA cup holders Tottenham for four years, but his form last season was affected by the Falklands dispute between Britain and Argentina. Meanwhile, Stoke City striker Lee Chapman agreed Thursday to sign for Arsenal, but

the two clubs still have to settle the transfer fee.

Chapman, an England under-21 international, is a free agent. Arsenal have made an offer of compensation, but if Stoke do not accept the bid a football league tribunal will decide the fee.

Chapman, who also was being chased by West Bromwich and Manchester United, is valued by Stoke at 500,000 pounds. He would become Arsenal's third major signing of the close season.

Manager Terry Neill also has purchased England forward Tony Woodcock from Colchester and agreed to buy Yugoslav midfielder Vladimir Petrovic from Red Star Belgrade. The Petrovic deal now has been blocked until Jan. 1 by the Yugoslav Football Association.

Norwich City striker Greig Shephard is set for a transfer to Hong Kong this weekend. He will join former England captain Bobby Moore at Eastern.

Norwich manager Ken Brown said "He will join them for a year. I think he will benefit because he will have more opportunity for first team football there than he might have here at present." The Eastern England Club are newly promoted from the second to First Division.

West Bromwich Albion and Leeds United have been cleared by an English Football Association disciplinary commission of any responsibility for last season's riot. The FA ruling, made at the Hawthorns after a 270-minute hearing, was that Leeds fans were guilty of causing 10,000 pounds worth of damage when they tore down a fence, but that neither club could be held responsible.

Karlsson drops game to Pawar

HYDERABAD, India Aug. 13 (AP) — Second-seeded Lius Pongoh of Indonesia overwhelmed Indian Vikram Singh 15-2, 15-2 Thursday in the \$24,000 second Indian Masters championship here.

With his powerful smashes and deceptive drops, the Indonesian took only 22 minutes to defeat Singh. In another men's singles encounter, Sweden's Stefan Karlsson had to fight hard to beat Uday Pawar of India 15-5, 8-15, 18-15.

In the quarterfinals, Karlsson will play England's Stephen Baddeley Saturday and Pongoh will meet Indian Partho Ganguly Friday. Earlier, Baddeley bested South Korean Eun Ku Lee 15-8, 15-8 while Ganguly thrashed Irosouki Yamamoto of Japan 15-4, 15-3.

In the women's singles event, top seed Yoshiko Yonekura, Japan's National champion, easily defeated Indian Hufish Nariman 11-1, 11-7. Indonesia's Tiakel Budhiarti fought to a 11-7, 6-11, 11-4 win over Amita Kulkarni of India.

After winning the first game easily, the Indonesian faltered in the next to enable the Indian to restore parity. However, in the decider, the Indonesian, was once again at her best and romped home.

Meanwhile, Morten Frost Hansen, current All-England Champion from Denmark and his compatriot Peter Nierhoff arrived in Jakarta to compete in the \$66,000 Indonesian Open Championship, Aug. 18-22.

About 51 foreign players and 60 Indonesians will participate in the championship, the Indonesian Badminton Federation (PBSI) said. They included stars from England, Sweden, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, Singapore, India, Denmark, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Thailand.

Former All-England women's champion Lene Koppen of Denmark is expected to arrive here Friday, he said. Two British players Helen S. Troke and her sister Catherine had arrived here earlier PBSI spokesman, Sumarsono said.

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Following a disappointing season

Astros sack manager Virdon

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Aug. 13 — With 49 games remaining in the Houston Astros' disappointing 1982 season, Astros Manager Bill Virdon was released from his position.

First base coach Bob Lillis replaced Virdon, 51, in an interim capacity. Lillis becomes the eighth manager in the club's 21-year history. The three-man Houston Sports Association board, led by Chairman John McMullen reportedly made the Virdon decision, spurred perhaps by five consecutive losses at San Francisco to start their 12-game trip.

Predicted in national magazines to win the National League West pennant, the Astros are floundering in fifth place in their division. McMullen said he will use the next six weeks to go through a list of candidates and make preparations for next season.

One year is remaining on Virdon's contract estimated at \$150,000 (\$510,000) a year. Because of the demanding travel schedule, he had already planned to make next year his last season managing the Houston team. Commenting on Virdon's firing, General

Manager Al Rosen said, "Well... sometimes a change becomes necessary. I don't know that there are any hard and fast reasons, but sometimes a change in leadership stimulates players. We owe it to the fans and the rest of league to be competitive. This may provide the impetus. It's evident in today's baseball world that you can't fire the players."

Rosen said he believed the current coaching staff will remain intact. However, sources say batting coach Deacon Jones will not return as batting coach next year because of McMullen's feeling about the Astros' weak hitting attack.

Virdon said he will fly back to his Houston apartment and remain there until the lease expires Sept. 1. "I don't know what I'll do from here," he told a Houston newspaper. "It's something I've got to decide — whether I want to try it (managing a ball club) again."

It was learned that Astros' average player salary is the highest in the National League this season, according to salary figures compiled by league officials. Increasing by 870 percent over the past seven years, the average salary for a 1982 Houston baseball player is

\$359,000 (\$R1.2 million).

According to the league figures, the Astros' 1982 player payroll is slightly higher than the Philadelphia Phillies, whose average player income is \$358,900 (\$R1.2 million). The Phillies' average salary has increased 500 percent since 1976.

No other National League ballclub approaches the Astros' and Phillies' incomes. The Pittsburgh Pirates rank third with an average player salary of \$280,000 (\$R952,000).

The Los Angeles Dodgers have the second-highest average player salary in the National League West Division, of which the Astros belong. Dodgers earn an average of \$253,000 (\$R860,200) per player.

The highest-paid team in baseball is the American League New York Yankees, whose average player salary is \$431,000 (\$R1.5 million). The Astros' income began to rise when John McMullen became the primary owner in 1979. The average player salary that year in Houston was only \$92,600 (\$R314,840), lowest in the National League.

Expos expose Phillies

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (AP) — Pinch-hitter Warren Cromartie singled home Gary Carter with two out in the ninth inning of the nightcap to give the Montreal Expos an 8-7 victory and a sweep of their doubleheader with the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Expos had won the National League opener 6-3, as pitcher Bill Gullickson singled home one run and scattered nine hits before needing final-out relief.

The St. Louis Cardinals took over the NL east lead from Philadelphia by edging the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 as Lonnie Smith had three singles and drove in two runs. Steve Henderson, Rync Sandberg and Bill Buckner each hit two-run singles as the Chicago Cubs scored eight runs in the seventh inning to overtake the New York Mets 13-6.

Earlier, in the NL west, Los Angeles took

over the lead from the slumping Atlanta Braves. The Dodgers downed the San Francisco Giants 6-2, while the Braves were handed a 8-2 drubbing by the San Diego Padres.

In the only American League day game, Luis Tiant outduelled rookie Frank Viola and pinch-hitter Reggie Jackson doubled home two runs to snap an eighth-inning tie and give the California Angels a 3-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Gorman Thomas slammed two home runs to take over the Major-League lead with 30 and power the Milwaukee Brewers to a doubleheader sweep of the Toronto Blue Jays, 7-1 and 4-3. Rolfe Fingers hurled 12-3 innings of the nightcap to register his 27th save of the season and 299th of his career, both Major-League highs.

Berbick to appeal against suspension

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 13 (AP) — Boxer Trevor Berbick, considered by the World Boxing Council as a leading contender for the heavyweight crown, said Thursday he intends to appeal against an indefinite suspension from the ring handed by the Cleveland Boxing Commission.

Don King Production had set up a Saturday fight between Berbick and Renaldo Snipes, but it was called off Wednesday when Berbick said an illness limited his training and Snipes refused to fight anyone but Berbick. The Sunday's bout, too, between Tim Witherspoon and James "Quick" Tillis was called off when Witherspoon claimed he was ill.

The three-member Cleveland Boxing Commission met privately Wednesday and after interviewing Berbick and Witherspoon ruled that the boxers failed to live up to their commitments and suspended them. It is believed that many boxing commissions in the United States as well as the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association is likely to honor the suspension.

King Productions called a news conference Thursday to announce adjustments in to Saturday's fight card, and Berbick showed up to have his say about the suspension he says is unfair. Witherspoon was not at the news conference.

"Two doctors told me two weeks ago that I couldn't train. I had a virus in my throat," Berbick said. "I just couldn't get in shape in time. I began to train again Friday, but six days isn't enough time to get ready."

He said fight promoter Don King personally knew of the virus and told him if he couldn't fight, a substitute could be found. Berbick won the Canadian heavyweight title March 22, 1979, with a victory over Earl

McClean. He fought Larry Holmes for the World Boxing Council title April 11, 1981, but lost in 15 rounds.

He said, "I'm going to appeal it, and I'm thinking seriously of suing the commission for defamation of my character. I've proven myself to get to where I am today. It's hard work that's got me there. And I'm going to keep on training."

At the Thursday conference, Clarence Rogers, an attorney for King Production announced that a hastily matched heavyweight fight between Pinklon Thomas, and James "Quick" Tillis was put together.

Sounders regain top berth in NASL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) — Seattle's Mark Peterson scored two goals to lead the Sounders to a 4-0 victory Thursday night over the Fort Lauderdale Strikers and back into first place of the North American Soccer League's Western Division.

Peterson scored the first goal of the game at 17:16 by heading in a Ray Evans' cross from eight yards in front of the goal. Fort Lauderdale's goalkeeper, Jan Van Beveren of Holland, saved an Evans penalty kick eight minutes later after Seattle's Jeff Stock was tripped in the penalty box.

The second goal at 40:15 was another



Bill Virdon

Major League Standings

National League Eastern Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	64	49	.566	—
Philadelphia	64	50	.562	1 1/2
Moscow	60	53	.530	4
Pittsburgh	59	54	.524	5
New York	48	64	.429	15 1/2
Chicago	49	67	.422	16 1/2

Western Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	65	51	.560	—
Atlanta	62	51	.549	1 1/2
San Diego	61	54	.530	3 1/2
San Francisco	40	56	.415	11 1/2
Houston	51	62	.451	12 1/2
Cincinnati	41	73	.360	23

American League Eastern Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	67	46	.592	—
Boston	61	51	.545	5 1/2
Baltimore	59	52	.532	7 1/2
Detroit	57	55	.509	9 1/2
New York	55	56	.496	11
Cleveland	54	56	.491	11 1/2
Toronto	55	60	.480	13

Western Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	65	48	.575	—
Kansas City	64	48	.571	1/2
Chicago	61	51	.545	3 1/2
Seattle	56	57	.496	9
Oakland	50	65	.435	16
Texas	44	67	.396	20
Minnesota	39	75	.342	26 1/2

McEnroe made to exert on way to quarterfinals

TORONTO, Aug. 13 (AP) — Top-seeded John McEnroe outscored Canadian Glenn Michibata 6-3, 7-6 and second-seeded Jimmy Connors defeated No. 13 Ramesh Krishnan of India 7-5, 6-0 Thursday in the third round of the \$300,000 Players' International Tennis Tournament.

In other matches, third-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia defeated No. 11 Tim Gulikson of the United States 6-4, 7-6; and No. 8 Steve Denton dropped fellow-American Mike Cahill 6-4, 6-2. In a lone upset No. 6-seed Mats Wilander of Sweden lost 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 to No. 11-seed Shigmo Glickstein. The chance of an all-Canadian quarterfinal match at the tournament dissolved when Michibata of Toronto and Martin Westenholme of Oakville, Ontario, lost Henri Leconte of France, seeded 15th, edged Westenholme 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. It was the farthest any Canadian had advanced in the tournament since Mike Belkin of Toronto lost in the quarterfinals in 1969.

In the first set, McEnroe jumped all over Michibata with his usual taunt serve-and-volley game. Michibata never won more than two points in a McEnroe service game to surrender the set. In the second set however, Michibata started holding his own on his serve and forced the issue into tiebreaker which McEnroe won.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Sandy Mayer defeated Paraguay's Francisco Gonzalez 6-3, 6-4 in the third round and then teamed with Terry Moor to post a doubles victory in the \$75,000 Western Classic, at Cleveland, Ohio.

The only seeded player to lose Thursday was No. 4 Vince Van Patten, who was upset 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 by Andy Kohlberg. In other matches, Tim Wilkison downed Drew Gitlin 6-1, 6-1 David Sieglar defeated Nduka Odior of Nigeria 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, Hank Pfister overpowered Mike Myburg of South Africa 7-6, 7-4, 6-4, and Victor Amaya defeated Jonathan Smith of Britain 6-1, 7-6, 8-6.

In doubles play, Mayer-Moor downed Brad Drevett of Australia and Drew Gitlin 5-7, 6-3, 7-5. In other doubles matches, Matt Mitchell and Craig Wittus defeated Jiri

Granat of Czechoslovakia and Jim Wilkison 6-4, 6-4.

In Carlsbad, California, South Africa's Johan Kriek and John Sadri, with a serve that's been clocked at 130 miles per hour (209-kph), won through to the semifinals Thursday in the \$300,000 WCT California Classic Tournament at La Costa.

Kriek, fourth-seeded, defeated American Brian Teacher by 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 after another night of delays caused by disputes over line calls, while the 23-year-old Sadri, a four-year pro, won his first set by outdueling third-seeded Jose Higueras in the Tiebreaker and jumped to a 4-0 lead in the second set, going on to win 7-6, 6-1.

Chris & King team up again

ATLANTA, Georgia, Aug. 13 (AP) — Together on a tennis court for the first time in almost eight years, Chris Evert Lloyd and Billie Jean King showed Thursday they could be a top doubles team in next month's U.S. Open.

The pair blasted Iva Budarova and Marcela Sukerska of Czechoslovakia, 6-3, 6-3 in a first round doubles match of the \$100,000 Atlanta Women's Tennis Classic.

Lloyd and King decided after their Wimbledon semifinals singles match that they would play doubles in the U.S. Open at Flushing Meadows next month. But they didn't know they were going to be on the same side of the net here this week until Pam Shriver was forced to withdraw from the tournament because of an injury, leaving Lloyd without a doubles partner.

In the day's top singles match, fourth-seeded Mary Lou Piatek had to struggle with unseeded Betsy Nagelsen to take a 7-5 first set victory, but regrouped to win her second round match with a 6-2 second set decision.

Fifth-seeded Ann Kiyomura was upset by unseeded Dana Gilbert 6-1, 6-4, in another second-round match.

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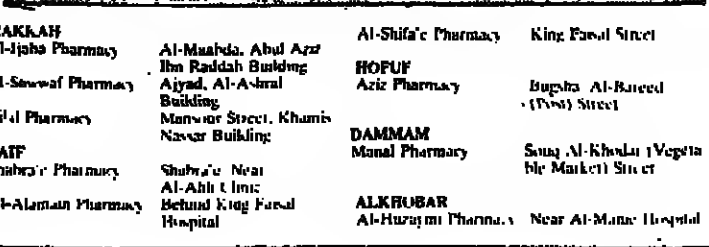
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International

Workers chant Solidarity slogans

Polish protesters teargassed

WARSAW, Aug. 13 (Agencies) — Riot police fired tear gas and water cannon Friday to break up a demonstration by some 10,000 supporters of Poland's suspended trade union Solidarity in the northern port of Gdansk, witnesses said. The demonstration coincided with the start of the ninth month of martial law in Poland.

The witnesses said police wielding batons charged at the demonstrators after they marched through the old Baltic city toward the regional headquarters of the Communist Party. When they were within 150 meters of the building police launched a barrage of tear gas, opened up with water cannon and shot flares over the crowd.

The demonstrators, who had been chanting pro-Solidarity slogans and waving the V-for-victory sign at the police, retreated down the alleys of the old town in the face of the police onslaught. The witnesses said workers at the shipyards, where strikes forced the birth of Solidarity two years ago, laid

wreaths at the Gdansk monument near the yards Friday morning.

At 2 p.m., when the first shift ended, other dockers tried to lay more flowers at the monument erected in 1980 in memory of workers who died in disturbances in 1970. When the crowd grew to 3,000, riot police moved in with water cannon to disperse them.

The crowd moved off, growing bigger all the time, marched past the central station and hore down on the local party headquarters. After the initial police charge, the witnesses said demonstrators were erecting barriers in the streets, which were filled with tear gas and fighting with the police.

An hour after the clashes began, the police had been unable to put a stop to the fighting. Tear gas grenades could be heard exploding in various parts of the city.

When the militia broke up the crowd massed outside Communist Party headquarters in the center of the city, the demonstrators

took refuge around the shipyards, a kilometer away.

Meanwhile, groups of youths were massing throughout the town, notably around the statue of Polish King Jan Sobieski, in the old city.

Columns of troops, with light tanks, personnel carriers and water-cannons patrolled the streets, while a navy parachute unit took up position at a major crossroads near the shipyards.

It was the first reported outbreak of violence between Solidarity supporters and the police since June. In early May, street marches turned into running battles in many cities and sporadic outbreaks occurred into June. The authorities have appealed for calm, saying disturbances now will upset tentative hopes that martial law can be lifted by the end of the year.

In Warsaw, underground opposition leaders issued plans for a campaign of leaflets and posters leading up to a mass peaceful demonstration on Aug. 31.

The plans, circulated in the capital, were drawn up by Solidarity officials who have escaped internment and coordinate underground protest action. They were made in defiance of repeated appeals in the official press for calm to allow the government time to prepare solutions to Poland's economic and social crisis.

The Warsaw underground leaders, headed by Solidarity's chief in the region Zbigniew Bujak, called for a campaign of leaflets, posters and shouting slogans to start on Monday in readiness for a peaceful demonstration of all Solidarity members on Aug. 31.

Aug. 31 marks the second anniversary of the signing of the Gdansk shipyards agreement, which opened the way for independent free trade unions.

Fossil skull said 'scalped'

ATLANTA, Aug. 13 (AP) — A new examination of a human skull several hundred thousand years old shows it belonged to someone whose head was beaten, cut and possibly scalped, an anthropologist said Thursday.

The cut marks all over the skull of the so-called Bodo Man could mean that humans of that period were cannibals, but such speculation is difficult to prove, several researchers said.

"It's very clear that this individual was intentionally defleshed," said Tim White, one of the anthropologists who discovered the cuts. "It wasn't just scalped — much of its face was removed. This hadn't been seen in such an early hominid (human-like creature) before."

In a telephone interview, White, from the University of California at Berkeley, speculated about the meaning of the cuts. "If you use modern groups (of primitive people) as an analogy, people often take skulls as trophies," White said. Bodo Man's head may have been stripped of flesh after his death, and kept as part of some ancestor worship or other ritual, White said. "There's another alternative — that this person was butchered."

White and Berkeley colleague Desmond Clark first saw the skull last year in a museum in Ethiopia, where it had been found at a site called Bodo in the Awash River Valley. The skull had been examined and described before, but the cuts had not been reported.

White and Clark received permission from the Ethiopian government to bring the skull back to Berkeley for analysis. White and Clark are returning to the Awash River Valley at the end of August for more studies.

Spaceship breaks up

MOSCOW, Aug. 13 (AFP) — The Soviet Progress-14 spaceship disintegrated Friday above the Pacific Ocean, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Progress-14, launched on July 10, hooked up two days later with the Soviet Salyut-7 orbiting space station and Soyuz T-5 spaceship linked together in a space train under the control of cosmonauts Valentin Levedev and Anatoly Beregovoy.

Progress-14 brought mail and research equipment for the two men, who have been living in space for exactly three months now. The two are well and the systems aboard the space complex are functioning normally, Tass said.

Burma plane crashes

RANGOON, Aug. 13 (AFP) — Eight persons including three crewmen died when a Burmese state-owned Twin-Otter light plane crashed en route from Mandalay to Mindat in the Western Chin Hills, according to reports reaching here Friday.

Reliable sources said the 19-seat Canadian-built plane, based in Mandalay, had left on its regular flight for Mindat with five passengers, and crashed southeast of Mindat killing all on board.

Japan storm kills one

TOKYO, Aug. 13 (R) — One man was killed and two others were injured Friday in landslides triggered by rains from a tropical storm in Japan's main southern island of Kyushu, police said. Last month, 350 persons were killed or reported missing in Kyushu after heavy rains caused widespread flooding and landslides.

After coup attempt

Swoop on Kenya dissidents continues

NAIROBI, Aug. 13 (AFP) — The Kenyan government is continuing its clampdown on political "dissidents" whether or not they are implicated in last week's unsuccessful coup attempt.

Meanwhile the state radio announced that the post-plot curfew had now been lifted in Nanyuki, 200 kilometers north of Nairobi, which was one of the air force bases implicated in the failed uprising. In Nairobi the police announced that they were abandoning house searches, although the curfew in the capital remains in force for eight night hours.

As the restrictions were being relaxed for the majority of the people the official *Kenya Gazette* announced that a radical member of parliament, Koigi Wamwere, and university lecturer Willy Mutunga had been placed in indefinite detention.

Earlier this week security officials arrested another member of parliament, Mark Bosire, soon after he and fellow MPs had attended a

meeting chaired by President Daniel Arap Moi. Also arrested this week were student leaders Titus Adungosi and Justice Morris Adongo.

Police Commissioner Ben Gethi said that three rifles, 80 air force uniforms and a large quantity of ammunition had been recovered from university hostels.

Some members of the Nairobi campus, which has long been a center for anti-government criticism, joined the brief rebellion 12 days ago. A statement of student support for the plot was broadcast by the Voice of Kenya radio station during the short period it was in rebel hands.

The recent arrests and administrative detentions are not necessarily connected with the coup plot. Mutunga, the detained university lecturer, was already under arrest at the time of the revolt, which in theory clears him of suspicion of direct involvement in the events.

Moi began his move against internal opponents in June, the month in which the

Kenya African National Union (KANU) legally became the country's only political party. At the time of the unsuccessful uprising the authorities were already holding four lecturers, one former member of parliament, a senior officer from the special branch and a lawyer.

The detention of Wamwere marks the first time that Moi has detained a member of parliament since he replaced the late Jomo Kenyatta as head of state in 1978. When he came to power Moi released all political prisoners detained under the regime of his predecessor, making Kenya one of the few African countries not to have political prisoners.

Meanwhile, Tanzania denied that it has received a Kenyan application for extradition of two Kenyan Air Force men who flew into Dar Es Salaam by military plane after the abortive plot.

Tanzanian Attorney General Joseph Wariocha commented that if such an application had been made, it had not yet been received here. He could not state Tanzania's official position until this had happened, he added.

The plane, which landed here unexpectedly on Aug. 1, the day of the Kenyan coup attempt, is still at a Tanzanian government hangar near Dar Es Salaam Airport. Two weeks ago the Kenyan government sent a five-man team to ask Tanzania to release both plane and fugitives. Tanzania agreed to release the plane — but the delegation did not have the pilots to fly it home.

At the same time Tanzania declined to release those sought by Kenya until it had questioned them and taken a decision about them, reliable sources said.

U.S. mail to move even after N-blast

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) — Neither nuclear blast, nor fallout, nor mass panic and destruction will keep U.S. postal carriers from their duties in case of an atomic attack, a government contingency plan promises.

The U.S. postal service came before a congressional post office subcommittee on Thursday to discuss the plan, first developed in the 1950s and updated last year. The plan, several hundred pages thick, was given to the subcommittee before the hearing and shown to a reporter. It lists emergency procedures for both nuclear and conventional war.

In an emergency, according to the plan, whatever remained of the postal service would concentrate on moving essential mail and helping other federal agencies. One task listed is handing out "alien enemy registration forms."

The plan also says the postal service has "emergency change of address" forms ready for those displaced by war. According to the plan, mail may be destroyed to keep it from falling into enemy hands. Mail coming from disaster areas would be screened for contamination.

However, personal letters and postcards will be accepted in disaster or displaced persons areas without stamps.

Retired Gen. Adm. Gene L. Rocque, a critic of the Reagan administration's plans to improve U.S. civil defense preparedness, charged in a statement prepared for the hearing that plans to deliver mail after an all-out attack are "fraudulent and deceitful."

He said planning for a nuclear attack involved the assumption that nuclear war can be survived.

Haitians freed

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug. 13 (AP) — The first Haitian refugees freed from Fort Allen by a federal judge's order left Thursday, exactly a year after the first Haitians arrived at the former navy communications base on the island's south coast.

"I feel a little better, I am free," said Sony Donyon, 27, a composer and a professor of Creole who said he was writing "a song of freedom" in his head to commemorate the occasion.

In addition to the 20 refugees released under an order by U.S. District Judge Eugene Spellman in Miami, Florida, six others were freed "for humanitarian reasons."

On 21st wall anniversary

Berlin remains quiet

BERLIN, Aug. 13 (R) — The 21st anniversary of the building of the Berlin Wall passed quietly Friday amid growing unease, at least in the West, about the effects of international superpower tension on delicate East-West German relations.

The occasion was marked by a traditional blast of propane from East Berlin, defending the wall as a victory for the cause of peace in Europe, and by an equally traditional wreath-laying in West Berlin for those who died trying to flee the Communist system.

The West Berlin 13th August monitoring groups reckon 180 persons have died trying to climb over the Berlin Wall or cross the more heavily guarded East-West German frontier.

Western rhetoric against the wall has been cautious in tone this year, at least from the ruling Social Democrats in Bonn and their Liberal coalition partners, both apparently concerned not to let harsh words damage relations with East Berlin.

The chairman of West Berlin Social Democrats Peter Ulrich called on the city's

Christian Democrat Mayor Richard von Weizsaecker not to let conservative hard-liners such as Bavarian state Premier Franz-Josef Strauss put relations back into a political ice age.

Recent reinforcement of East German border security measures and the unexplained refusal of entry permits to two Christian Democrat West German politicians have led conservatives to demand cancellation of a proposed visit to West Germany by East German leader Erich Honecker.

Honecker's visit was suggested and accepted in principle by both sides as a natural follow-up to West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's trip to East Germany in December, the first time the two men had met on German soil.

The East German Communist Party daily *Neues Deutschland* maintained its hard-line Friday of insisting that the building of the wall, for which Honecker takes most of the credit, was to counter a West German "Plan X."

SWAPO shoots down 3 helicopters

LUANDA, Aug. 13 (AFP) — Gunners of the Southwest Africa Peoples Organization (SWAPO) brought down three more South African helicopters earlier this week during continuing fighting with the "Namibia occupation forces," according to a communiqué published here Friday.

SWAPO identified three dead South African airmen aboard the downed helicopters as Capt. John H. Kaler (a pilot), Lt. Christian Wilhelm Pietersen (co-pilot) and Sgt. Koelt Grobelaar (crewman). The communiqué said that two Pumas and one Alouette helicopter had been brought down. Four other choppers were hit, it said.

On Wednesday the authorities in Pretoria announced that 15 men were killed when SWAPO shot down a Puma helicopter during the current South African offensive against SWAPO bases in southern Angola.

Meanwhile, SWAPO has described the recent talks in New York on the Namibia issue as a "public relations exercise" and "diplomatic charade" orchestrated by the five-nation Western contact group on Namibia (U.S., Britain, Canada, France and West

Germany). The talks are part of continuing attempts to reach a Namibian settlement based on United Nations resolution 435, which calls for ceasefire and elections leading to independence for Namibia.

Meanwhile, Gen. Charles Lloyd, commander of South African forces in Namibia, said Friday that South African forces will withdraw from southern Angola, if a ceasefire is agreed.

Gen. Lloyd, briefing newsmen in Windhoek, capital of South African-administered Namibia, confirmed that his forces had penetrated deep into southern Angola since last month to attack SWAPO bases. This is the fourth major South African attack on Angola within a year, but the general said that it should not be seen as an invasion.

He put SWAPO casualties at more than 300 killed during the operation, against 23 South African soldiers dead. There had been no contact with troops of the Angolan regular army, he said.

He said some units involved in the latest operations have now returned to their bases in Namibia.

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Moscow	9	48	20	68	clear
New Delhi	24	77	35	95	cloudy
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